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FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
LICENSING & CERTIFICATION COMMAND
DANGEROUS GOODS DIVISION
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本處檔號 Our Ref. (14) in L/M (1) to DGD 332/05
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To: Operators of Courier Companies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Legal Liability for Storage, Conveyance or Use of
Compressed or Liquefied Gas Cylinders

Nowadays some compressed or liquefied gases contained in cylinders can be easily ordered online. The most common types of compressed or liquefied gases in cylinders include helium, nitrogen, oxygen, nitrous oxide (also known as laughing gas), refrigerants etc. Courier companies are commonly hired to deliver these cylinders to homes, offices or other locations by land transport. These cylinders are classified as Category 2 Dangerous Goods, and the Director of Fire Services is the controlling authority of such goods. Pursuant to Section 6 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, Cap. 295, except under and in accordance with a licence granted under the Ordinance, no person shall store, convey or use dangerous goods in excess of their statutory exempt quantity, while the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations, Cap. 295B stipulates that a licence is required for conveyance and storage of Category 2 Dangerous Goods. The statutory exempt quantities of some compressed or liquefied gases in cylinders are as follows:

Helium	:	1 cylinder
Nitrogen	:	1 cylinder
Oxygen	:	2 cylinders
Nitrous oxide (also known as laughing gas)	:	2 cylinders


Any person who contravenes the relevant provisions commits an offence, and is liable to a maximum fine of \$25,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months upon conviction.

In view of the above, you are advised to pay extra attention during daily courier operations. To avoid contravention of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance or prevent fires or serious accidents arising from mishandling of gas cylinders, your office or store shall not keep gas cylinders in excess of the above exempt quantities, and each courier or courier goods vehicle shall not carry or convey cylinders in excess of the exempt quantities, unless a licence has been obtained from the Fire Services Department.

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Should you have any enquiries, please contact the Dangerous Good Division of the Licensing and Certification Command at 2417 5757 during office hours. If you have any enquiries or any complaints about dangerous goods during non-office hours, please contact the Fire Services Communications Centre at the 24-hour hotline: 2723 8787.

Yours faithfully,



(CHEUNG Ka-wai)
for Director of Fire Services