Dear Sir/Madam,

Failure to Display Warning Signage
When Conveying Dangerous Goods in Category 2 or 5

Regulation 75(1) of the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations, Cap 295B stipulates that no person shall use or cause or permit to be used, any *mechanically propelled* vehicle for the conveyance by road of any dangerous goods (DG) in category 2 unless the use of such vehicle therefor has been approved by the Director of Fire Services. Regulation 101(1) provides for similar provision in relation to conveyance of DG in category 5 in containers. In general, when DG are conveyed using a licensed DG vehicle, warning signage showing the following wording shall be prominently displayed on that vehicle:

(a) "NO SMOKING" / "不准吸煙"; and
(b) "HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE GOODS" / "高度易燃物品".

However, it has recently come to my notice that unscrupulous drivers may fail to display the abovementioned signage on the licensed DG vehicles when conveying DG through tunnels. In case of fire or other emergencies involving these vehicles, this failure would put emergency responders in dangerous situation and pose unnecessary risk on other tunnel users and the tunnel structure itself. We therefore appeal to you to report such cases to the Fire Services Communication Centre via the 24-hours hotline 2723 8787.

Please refer to the attached photos for mandatory signage of licensed DG vehicles. Should you require further amplification, please do not hesitate to contact the Dangerous Goods Division of the Licensing and Certification Command of Fire Services Department during *office hours* at 2417 5757.

Yours faithfully,

(CHEUNG Ka-wai)
for Director of Fire Services

Ref. Number and date should be quoted in reference to this letter

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Remarks: Vehicles designed to carry dangerous goods usually have openings on both sides and rear for ventilation purposes. In general, these vehicles are also equipped with fire extinguishers.
Photos showing a licensed DG Vehicle with Warning Signage removed