To: Operators of Courier Companies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Legal Liability of Storage, Conveyance or Use of Dangerous Goods

The Fire Services Department (FSD) is the controlling authority of Category 2 to 10 Dangerous Goods (excluding Liquefied Petroleum Gas) on land in Hong Kong. Recently, it has come to my notice that courier companies are frequently hired by clients to deliver goods which are suspected to be dangerous goods (DG) to destinations such as homes, offices or other locations by land transport. Pursuant to Section 6 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (DGO), Chapter 295, except under and in accordance with a licence granted under the Ordinance, no person shall store, convey or use DG in excess of their statutory exempt quantities. For details of DG under control and their respective exempt quantities, you may browse the Fire Protection Notice No. 4 – Dangerous Goods or download it from FSD’s website:


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

In view of the above, you are reminded to be vigilant about the nature of parcels or goods received from clients during daily courier operations. To avoid contravening DGO and accidents arising from doubtful parcels such as explosion, fires, hazardous chemical spillage etc, your office or store shall not...
keep dangerous goods in excess of the exempt quantities, and each courier shall not carry dangerous goods in excess of the exempt quantities or each courier service transport means shall not convey Category 2 or 5 DG in excess of the exempt quantities, unless a licence has been obtained from FSD.

Contravention of dangerous goods regulations may void any insurance policy you have with insurance company.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Dangerous Goods Division of the Licensing and Certification Command of FSD during office hour at 2417 5757. For enquiries outside office hours and reporting hazards concerning DG, please contact Fire Services Communication Centre on the 24-hour telephone hotline 2723 8787.

Yours faithfully,

(CHEUNG Ka-wai)
for Director of Fire Services