To: Operators of Logistics/Freight Forwarding Companies

Dear Sir/Madam,

Legal Liability for
Storage, Conveyance or Use of Dangerous Goods

With a view to the close economic ties between Hong Kong and the global, local logistic and freight forwarding industry has continued to prosper and become professionally efficient to cope with the overwhelming demand across diverse industry. The Fire Services Department (FSD) is the controlling authority for Categories 2 to 10 dangerous goods (excluding liquefied petroleum gas) on land in Hong Kong, it has recently come to our attention that some logistics/freight forwarding companies are entrusted by their clients to store or convey all kinds of goods including suspected dangerous 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 any dangerous goods in excess of their statutory exempt quantities. The details of the relevant dangerous goods and their statutory exempt quantities are set out in Fire Protection Notice No. 4 – Dangerous Goods issued by the FSD. You may browse the notice via the webpage or by scanning the QR code below.

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

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

In order to protect the lives and property of members of the public and to enhance public awareness of fire safety, you are hereby reminded to pay heed to the parcels or goods entrusted by your clients for delivery during daily operations. To avoid contravention of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance and prevent explosions, fires, hazardous chemical spillage, etc. in the handling and conveyance of goods, you shall not keep any dangerous goods in excess of the statutory exempt quantities in your office or store. If you intend to do so, a dangerous goods store licence granted from Dangerous Goods Division is mandatory. The same applies in conveyance of Categories 2 and 5 dangerous goods (excluding liquefied petroleum gas).

Should there be any enquiries pertaining to the subject matter, please contact the Dangerous Goods Division of the Licensing and Certification Command of the FSD at 2417 5757 during office hours. For enquiries or reports concerning dangerous goods outside office hours, please call the 24-hour hotline (2723 8787) of the Fire Services Communications Centre.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Fire Services