FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
LIcENCIING & CERTIFICATION COMMAND
DANGEROUS GOODS DIVISION
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Hong Kong.

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To: Holders/Applicants of Dangerous Goods Licences for Conveyance of Category 2/5 Dangerous Goods by Tank Wagons

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Safe Operation of Dangerous Goods Tank Wagons**

Any traffic accident involving a tank wagon loaded with Category 2/5 dangerous goods could have serious or disastrous consequences. These may include loss of containment resulting in a large amount of flammable substances spilling onto road surface and even into the sewerage system, posing serious fire and environmental hazards both on-site and off-site. In the light of the above, we write to remind tank wagon drivers of the need to maintain a safe driving attitude (e.g. no speeding, no drink or drug driving) when driving tank wagons.

In order to convey dangerous goods safely, a tank wagon driver should have a good driving record and is well experienced in driving the relevant category of dangerous goods vehicle. Licensees of tank wagons should formulate a set of safety instructions and emergency procedures on what to do in case of accident including but not limited to fires, and ensure that their drivers are conversant with such instructions. Also, in case of a traffic accident, the tank wagon driver should keep calm and report to the police the type and amount of dangerous goods being conveyed, if applicable. When situation warrants, the driver should operate the “Quick Action Cut-off Valve” to minimise loss/leakage if it is safe to do so.

The inspection hatch/manhole covers of compartments of any tank wagons conveying dangerous goods including fuel oils should be securely locked down to prevent fuel spillage in case of an accident. If a tank wagon is damaged and no longer meets licensing conditions, it shall not be used for conveying dangerous goods. Such damage shall be reported to the Dangerous Goods Division of the Fire Services Department in writing by the licensee within 3 working days from the date of damage for arrangement for re-inspection.
Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Dangerous Goods Division of the Licensing and Certification Command of this Department during office hour at 2417 5757.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Fire Services