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FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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DANGEROUS GOODS DIVISION

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To: Operators of logistics/freight forwarding companies,
party organising companies and balloon selling companies

Dear Operators,

**Legal Liability of
Storage, Conveyance or Use of Dangerous Goods**

The Fire Services Department (FSD) is the controlling authority of Categories 2 to 10 Dangerous Goods (excluding Liquefied Petroleum Gas) **on land** in Hong Kong.

Helium is commonly used to fill balloons and other inflatable decorations to add festive atmosphere. It has come to our notice that compressed helium cylinders are often obtained through direct purchase from on-line suppliers, which usually entrust logistics/freight forwarding companies with the delivery of such cylinders to homes, offices or other destinations including party venues. With the festive season approaching, we would like to remind you that helium is classified as "Category 2 Dangerous Goods", and its statutory exempt quantity is set at **1 cylinder ONLY**. 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. For details of the dangerous goods under control and their respective statutory exempt quantities, please refer to the Fire Protection Notice No. 4 - Dangerous Goods, which is downloadable from the following FSD webpage:

www.hkfsd.gov.hk/chi/source/notices/Fire_Protection_Notice_No_4.pdf

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

Besides, pursuant to regulation 64 of the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (Cap. 295B), no person shall use, or cause or permit to be used, for the storage of any gas, any cylinder or other container except of a type appropriate to the storage of such gas and approved by the Authority. Any person who contravenes the provision shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 2 months.

In view of the above, you are reminded to observe the provisions governing the storage and conveyance of dangerous goods under the Dangerous Goods Regulations during daily operations. To avoid contravention of the provisions, and prevent explosions, fires, hazardous chemical spillage, etc., arising from the storage and conveyance of goods, you shall not keep any dangerous goods in excess of the statutory exempt quantities on any premises, and each logistics vehicle shall not carry or convey any dangerous goods in excess of the statutory exempt quantities, unless a licence has been obtained from the FSD. You are also required to ensure that the cylinders used are of a type approved by the FSD.

Contravention of the Dangerous Goods Regulations may void any insurance policies you may have with your insurance companies.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact our Dangerous Goods Division during **office hours** at **2417 5757**. For enquiries **outside office hours** and reporting hazards concerning dangerous goods, please call the Fire Services Communications Centre at the **24-hour telephone hotline 2723 8787**.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Fire Services