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Chief Officers



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Dear Chief Officer

DEAR CHIEF OFFICER (SCOTLAND) LETTER 4/2009

- a) **TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCING DANGEROUS GOODS EMERGENCY ACTION CODE LISTS**
- b) **CANINE SEARCH TEAMS**

Transfer of Responsibility for producing Dangerous Goods Emergency Action Code Lists

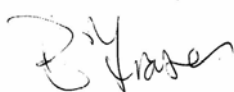
1. Responsibility for the production of the Dangerous Goods Emergency Action Code lists, commonly known as Hazchem Lists, will be transferred to the National Chemical Emergency Centre (NCEC) at Harwell. This fits in with NCEC's provision of expert telephone advice and their Chemdata support system to most of the UK Fire and Rescue Service in the event of an incident involving dangerous goods.
2. NCEC will be producing a new List to supplement the revised Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations, which will implement the 2009 European rail and road regulations (RID and ADR), coming into force from July 2009.
3. NCEC will be providing hard copies and free downloads of the list and will inform fire and rescue services when the new list becomes available.
4. Contact details for NCEC. www.the-ncec.com. Telephone 0870 190 6621

Canine Search Teams

5. Responsibility for mobilising USAR canine search teams in England has transferred from London Fire Brigade to the Fire and Rescue Service National Co-ordination Centre (FRSNCC). Contact details for the FRSNCC are:

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Yours faithfully



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