

## **ADRESSEE HERE**

Tuesday, 21 December 2004

Dear Sir or Madam:

### **Fire Extinguishers Containing Halon on Buses, Minibuses, Coaches and Taxis**

EC Regulation 2037/2000 introduces the control of ozone depleting substances, which have an adverse effect on the environment, and effectively bans the use of Halon in fire extinguishers. This means that it is now illegal to operate buses, minibuses, coaches and taxis with fire extinguishers containing Halon 1211 and Halon 1301.

**From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004 a fire extinguisher containing Halon will be considered a Reason for Failure on any public service vehicle presented for test.**

The outside of the extinguisher will indicate whether the contents are Halon. To avoid a failure you are advised that any Halon extinguishers on your vehicles should be immediately replaced with fire extinguishers, containing either water or foam, which are marked BS5423 or EN3 and have a minimum fire rating of at least 8A or 21B.

### **Disposal of Halon Fire Extinguishers**

The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 prohibits the disposal of substances such as Halon in a manner likely to cause pollution of the environment or danger to human health. It also imposes a duty of care and requires that reasonable steps be taken to keep the waste safe and ensure that it is treated lawfully.

Those authorised to receive controlled waste are registered waste carriers or brokers, local authority waste collectors and waste operations with a waste management licence or a registered exemption from licensing.

If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact:

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