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To All LPG Suppliers

Dear Sir/Madam,

SAFE USE OF LPG IN HOUSEHOLDS

This circular is aimed to specify and explain in detail the key requirements of Regulation 53 - **Duties of Supplier and Dealer of Class O Petroleum** of the Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Regulations 2005.

a. Supplier and dealer shall carry out 5-point safety checks on LPG systems installed in households at interval of not more than 1 year. The 5-point safety checks will include checks on hose, regulator, hose clips, cylinder and joints/connections;

b. After a 5-point safety checks is conducted, supplier and dealer shall leave behind a sticker or tag provided by the LPG supplier at the household as a form of communication with the household that a safety check had been conducted on the stated date as reflected on the sticker or tag. The supplier and dealer shall obtain acknowledgement from the household that a 5-point safety checks has been carried out for the purpose of records and verifications. The dealer shall maintain a record of all 5-point safety checks conducted and suppliers shall maintain a record on verification checks on their dealers. The records are to be kept for 5 years and shall be readily available for SCDF’s verification purposes;

c. Supplier shall conduct audit check on its dealers to ensure that 5-point LPG home safety check is conducted accordingly and report to SCDF in a given format and interval as stipulated;

d. Supplier and dealer shall take full responsibility of the LPG system being used. At any time, supplier and dealer shall not
supply LPG to households if its LPG hose, regulator or stove is not the SPRING approved type or in bad condition, and the hose is beyond the life span of 2 years and the regulator is beyond the life span of 5 years as recommended by SPRING;

e. Supplier and dealer shall issue an invoice to the household for the purchase of LPG with the printed safety message “Please ensure that your LPG dealer conducts a 5-point check on your LPG system at least once a year. Otherwise, please contact your dealer to do so. “This purpose is to educate households on safe use of LPG; and

f. Supplier and dealer who attended to LPG fire and explosion incidents shall not tamper with evidence until completion of SCDF’s investigation; and

2. Please note that the above-mentioned requirements are made under Regulation 53 of the Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Regulations 2005. Any person contravenes any of these requirements shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not exceeding $10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both under Regulation 59 of the Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Regulations 2005.

3. This circular is for your strict compliance. Suppliers must convey the contents of this circular to the respective dealers. Once this is done, suppliers are to inform SCDF of the distribution list by end March 2011.

4. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact CPT Alice Seto at tel. no.: 68481485 (e-mail: alice_seto@scdf.gov.sg)

Yours faithfully,

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