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Dear

**DRAFT CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND USE OF
TRANSPORTABLE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS 2004 (the
Carriage Regulations)**

Towards the end of 2000 I wrote to you to confirm our intention to implement Commission Directives 2001/6/EC and 2001/7/EC adapting to technical progress for the third time Council Directives 96/49/EC and 94/55/EC (the RID/ADR Framework Directives) on the approximation of laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail and road respectively. I also signalled our intention to complete at the same time the implementation of Council Directive 1999/36/EC on transportable pressure equipment.

Since then, we have kept the Department fully informed of the continuing challenges faced in preparing the implementing Regulations, arising from the policy decision, supported by DfT, to consolidate the extensive portfolio of existing regulations into one set, while taking the opportunity to directly reference the international agreements for detailed compliance requirements. Last Summer, Ministers agreed that we could roll together implementation of the 2001 amending Directives, referred to above, with those for 2003 (Commission Directives 2003/29/EC and 2003/28/EC adapting the RID/ADR Framework Directives for the fourth time). The due implementation date was 1 July 2003.

I am now pleased to enclose a copy of the draft Carriage Regulations on behalf of the Health and Safety Commission. They are a product of much hard work by officials here. They take account of the three-month consultative exercise begun in June this year and will revoke, now or through other imminent regulations, 14 sets of regulations, in line with our policy to modernise the framework of health and safety law.

I would be grateful if you would now agree to make the Carriage Regulations, sign the printed copy, which will be submitted to you separately, and arrange for the Regulations to be laid before Parliament as soon as possible. I regret the delay.

Yours sincerely

Bill Callaghan
Chair