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F.B.Gen.16/13/3. LONDON, S.W.1.

Confidential. 18th October, 1940.

Sir,

Fires at Oil Installations

F.B. Circular No.135A/1940.

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Memorandum on the methods of dealing with fires at oil installations, which has been prepared in consultation with the Petroleum Department and the Petroleum Board. The Memorandum is of special concern to Chief Officers of Fire Brigades who have a major oil installation in their area, but the information which is given should be carefully noted by all. The attention of the Chief Officers concerned is specially directed to the observations in paragraph 1 on the subject of co-operation with the Depot Superintendents of oil installations and their staffs, and to those in paragraph 3 as to the steps to be taken (if not taken already) to establish contact with the Superintendents of all major installations.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. L. Dixon

The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

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F. B. Gen. 108/2.

16th October, 1940.

Sir,

Refills for C.T.C. Extinguishers
F. B. Circular No. 135/1940.

1. I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to remind fire authorities of the need for the C.T.C. extinguishers forming part of the necessary equipment of each Home Office pumping appliance to be inspected periodically for the purposes of topping them up with fluid and cleaning the nozzles from the corroding effect of the liquid. Inspection should be a weekly routine operation.

Similar considerations apply also to the 2 gallon Foam extinguishers supplied with pumps mounted on floats.

2. The main purpose of the C.T.C. extinguishers is to deal with fires on the appliances themselves, although occasions may arise when they would be required for use on other fires and it is improbable that the need for their use will arise frequently. In order,
The Clerk of the London County Council,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk to the District Council.

however, that fire authorities may be assisted in obtaining refills for making up wastage caused by evaporation and for replacing the used up contents, the Department has under consideration the question of placing a contract in order that fire authorities may purchase direct from the manufacturers and receive the benefit of bulk prices. With a view to ascertaining the quantities to be contracted for, I am to ask you to supply the information required on the enclosed form within the next week.

3. The Minister is unable to recognise, as ranking for Exchequer grant under the A.R.P. Act, 1937, expenditure on refills for fire extinguishers belonging to the peace-time equipment of the fire brigade or for those issued by the Home Office, except in the latter case where they are required to replace the contents of an extinguisher discharged in fighting fires caused by enemy action or loss by evaporation.

4. An additional copy of this circular is enclosed for transmission to the Chief Financial Officer of the Council.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. B. Mac Intyre

Issued to:-

All fire authorities in England and Wales.

Copies sent for information to:-

Chief Officers of Fire Brigades and

Chief Constables in England and Wales.

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To
Home Office,
(Fire Brigades Division),
Horseferry House,
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From The.....
.....Council.

Refills for Fire Extinguishers.

In the event of the arrangements described in paragraph 2 of F.B. Circular No.135/40 coming into operation, the Council would wish to be supplied with the following refills during the twelve months ending 31st October, 1941.

No. required.

- a) C.T.C. quart size.....3.....
- b) Foam extincteur 2 gallon
size.....2.....

Signed.....
Clerk of the Council

Date.....