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Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:-

The Under Secretary of State.

and the following number quoted:-

F.B.Gen. 115/50

HOME OFFICE, (FIRE BRIGADES DIVISION),
CLELAND HOUSE,
PAGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

21st June, 1940.

Sir,

Petrol and Oil Fires.
Mobile Reserve of Foam Compound.
F.B. Circular No. 82/1940.

1. I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to refer to paragraph 6 of F.B. Circular 53A/1940 addressed to certain fire authorities on the subject of the supply of foam compound and foam branchpipes, and to say that arrangements have now been made for holding at each of the centres shown in the appendix to this Circular, 500 gallons of foam compound, with two No. 2 and two No. 10 foam branchpipes, which will be available for use at serious fires where this particular type of equipment is required and the equipment or supplies of foam compound available locally are insufficient.

2. The procedure and conditions of issue will be as follows:-

(a) Ordinarily, authority for the despatch of any of this equipment or foam compound will be given by the Regional Fire Brigades Inspector, and any application should be made to him. If, however, it should be impossible, within a reasonable time, to establish communication with the Regional Inspector, application may be made direct to the Chief Officer of one of the fire brigades in charge of the supplies, who will be authorised to act. In calling for the assistance the fullest available particulars regarding the fire should be included in the message;

(b) Chief Officers of fire brigades in charge of the supplies will keep two lorries or high-powered cars available at all times to convey the branchpipes and/or foam compound to the place where it is required. Unless otherwise specifically arranged, it will be brought in the first instance to the Headquarters Fire Station;

(c) Save in very exceptional circumstances, the quantity of foam compound despatched for use at any fire under these arrangements will be limited to 50 gallons for each emergency branchpipe issued by this Department for use of the brigade concerned, or, in the case of an application from some brigade not equipped in this way, the quantity of foam compound will be at the discretion of the Regional Fire Brigades Inspector;

(d) As in the case of the foam compound issued to certain fire brigades in pursuance of the previous circular, it is a condition of the issue of further supplies under the present arrangement, that the branchpipe be returned after use and the foam compound replaced. Reasonable expenditure incurred in the purchase of foam compound to replace any which may have been used for emergency fire fighting purposes may be included in the claim for grant.

The Clerk of the London County Council,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk to the Council.

3. A copy of the previous F.B. Circular, No. 53A/1940, is enclosed, for information in the case of those brigades to whom it has not already been issued, and an additional copy of the present circular is enclosed for transmission to the Chief Financial Officer of the Council.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

C. L. Wilson

Appendix.

LIST OF FIRE AUTHORITIES TAKING CUSTODY OF RESERVES OF FOAM COMPOUND.

Names of Fire Authorities	Telephone Number of Brigade headquarters.	
Swansea	Swansea	2122
Cardiff	Cardiff	3213/4/5
Plymouth	Plymouth	2222-3
Southampton	Southampton	2221,3442,66001
Portsmouth	Portsmouth	2221
Bristol	Bristol	23211
Brighton	Brighton	2222
Dover	Dover	1195 and 1196
Chatham	Chatham	2222
Southend	Marine	6222/3
Liverpool	Central	1401/2/3/4 and 2078/9
Birmingham	Central	2222 and Aston Cross 2222
Nottingham	Nottingham	2222
Manchester	Central	2222
Hull	Central	2500
Middlesbrough	Linthorpe	8222
Leeds	Leeds	20222
Newcastle-on-Tyne	Newcastle-on-Tyne	22222
Scotland		
Ardrossan	Saltcoats	177
Glasgow	Bell	2222
Falkirk	Falkirk	1300
Aberdeen	Aberdeen	8677 and 8678

Copies sent for information to:-

Chief Officers of Fire Brigades
and Chief Constables in England and Wales.