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RE: Carriage of hot air balloon & related equipment on DFDS English Channel ferries

To whom it may concern,

DFDS Seaways permit any tourist vehicle to transport upto a maximum total gas weight of 47kg of propane or butane gas in any number of cylinders. This exemption is granted on all of our English Channel routes (Dover<>Dunkerque & Dover<>Calais). The cylinders are not required to be purged before travel and are permitted to be transported with residual gas within the cylinder.

The maximum limit of gas that is permitted to be carried per vehicle is 47kg (excluding the weight of the gas receptacle)

Equipment which accompanies the use of a hot air balloon, such as a small fuel jerrycan to power equipment (envelope inflation fan), all fire extinguishers (for use in balloon operations) and a helium canister (weather balloon inflation) are permitted to be carried, on the condition that they are used in connection with the operation & safety of the hot air balloon.

This exemption has been granted by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) under Marine Guidance Notice (MGN) 340. A copy of this Marine Guidance Notice can be obtained from the MCA website at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/mca/mgn340.pdf>

If the amount of gas needed to be transported exceeds the exemption limit of 47kg then you will need to comply fully with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and provide DFDS with a dangerous goods declaration. More information on these regulations and our processes can be obtained by calling us on +44 (0)1304 218400 or emailing dover.freightbookings@dfds.com

If you are at any of our ports and experience a problem then emergency information can be obtained by our Duty Operations Manager on +44 (0)1304 218451 or by calling myself on the number below.

Kind Regards,

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