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Dear Mr Chapman

CLASSIFICATION OF "CYPRES CUTTERS"

I refer to your letter of 11 July 1996 requesting a determination by CASA on the dangerous goods status of the "Cypres Cutters" contained in the reserve parachutes used by your members.

I am able to advise that the "Cypres Cutter" described in the letter from the German Authorities for Material Research and Tests as "Electrical Rope Cutter ESKV 11" does not meet the criteria for classification as a Class 1 explosive. The devices may be carried on aircraft unrestricted whether fitted to a reserve parachute or carried separately.

Yours sincerely


Peter Fletcher
Inspector (Air Cargo)
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