

Gas cylinders on EBAY

With background that cylinders may not be in the hands of their rightful owners, may not be 'in test', or otherwise be in good condition and may contain hazardous gas residues, BCGA is concerned about trade of gas cylinders through internet trading sites, newspaper classified sections and even corner shop windows!

Such trade bi-passes the usual provision of Safety data etc and perpetuates the problems which can arise when gas cylinders are in the hands of the unskilled and untrained – problems relating to unsuitable and sometimes illegal storage, transportation and use,

Sine August '07 and following representations from BCGA, EBAY has kindly agreed to 'ban' six gases from their site. We are very grateful for their help. EBAY's revised policy on hazardous goods can be seen via the EBAY site but the six banned gases are:-

Acetylene; Chlorine; Sulphur Dioxide; Ammonia; Hydrogen and Carbon Monoxide

In January 09 we met with EBAY again around the issue of cylinders being sold which are not the rightful property of the seller. Members will be aware that most industrial gas cylinders remain property of the gas companies and operate on rental arrangements to the user. Again EBAY have been willing to help and we have a new agreement wherein such items will be removed from the site.

So, if you see either banned gases or your cylinder on sale on EBAY, please let us know quickly and we can do something about it.

Doug Thornton – April '09