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## CONTAINER HANDLING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS

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Reference Corrie McKeague.

16/05/2022.

Dear Mr Parsley.

Thank you for your correspondence dated 01/04/2022. The contents of which we note. May we firstly introduce you to CHEM which was formed in the late 1960's, which is a non profit making organisation run by its members whose principal activity is to ensure certain standards of universal interfacing of equipment with the relevant vehicles & sharing of information by way of guidance, which all its members can adhere to.

The membership mainly comprises of manufacturing companies covering the manufacture of Skiploaders, Hooklift demounts, Compactors & certain containers, & Refuse collection vehicles within the UK, all of which have separate Committees.

Regarding the containers used & handled, CHEM have formed Technical Standards. which relates to Skiploader, Hookloader, & Compaction containers only, to ensure that these are compatible for use with the UK spec vehicles.

The design & build of Refuse Collection 1100L containers/bins are not covered under CHEM Technical Standards, we understand these are catered for under EN840. The number of these containers in use the UK run into the millions and CHEM believe they are fit for purpose and serve our industry needs well.

The Refuse Collection Vehicles – RCV's manufactures who are members have their own instruction & guidance manuals along with the appropriate warning signage.

In addition, going forward, CHEM share the concerns raised regarding the number of incidents of members of the public gaining entry inside these containers and the CHEM RCV members would welcome any suggestions for the insertion of additional warnings for the operator to cover this type of eventuality.

We hope the information contained within may be of some assistance with your enquiries

Yours Faithfully

