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Reference

For the attention of Mike McClure

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Dear Mike

#### **ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES LICENSING REGULATIONS 2004**

As we discussed in our conversation earlier this week, I can confirm that the position regarding groups coming across the water from Northern Ireland to GB on activities is as follows:

Any person who offers activities in scope of the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 2004 within GB must have a licence to do so. This is irrespective of where the provider is based as the activities are being offered within GB and this determines the need for a licence.

Clearly, groups from the voluntary sector or from schools providing activities for their own pupils are exempt just as they would be if GB based.

Providers might find a look at the Regulations helpful in deciding if they are likely to need a licence (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/1309/contents/made>) and also the guidance in L77 (<http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l77.htm>, free to download). If they are still in doubt, they can of course contact the Adventure Activities Licensing Service ([info@aals.org.uk](mailto:info@aals.org.uk)) who will be pleased to help. Providers who do need a licence can now apply on line and find more information on the application process on the AALA web site at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/aala/>

Yours faithfully



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