

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Chemistry Teachers/Technicians

Date: October 2012

Subject: GCE AS Chemistry A

URGENT NOTICE REGARDING QUALITATIVE TASK 2 (UNIT F323)

GCE AS Chemistry A Qualitative Task 2 uses nickel(II) carbonate and was developed and published using the hazard guidance in effect at the time. However, the hazard classification has now changed for nickel(II) carbonate and, as a result of this, AS Qualitative Task 2 has been withdrawn with immediate effect. The current guidance published by CLEAPSS will be clarified shortly. Please see the CLEAPSS website at www.cleapss.org.uk

Any centre that has used AS Qualitative Task 2 can submit the task for moderation as usual.

Centres that have already used this activity can be reassured that, provided the Task was carried out as instructed with due regard for good laboratory practice and hygiene, there is minimal risk associated with use of this chemical.

OCR has today issued a new AS Qualitative Task, task number 4 (entitled Investigating reactions of copper and silver salts). Centres should not use the original Task 2 (Investigating reactions of nickel and silver salts). **Any candidate who has already completed AS Qualitative Task 2 can not also undertake the new AS Qualitative Task 4.**

If you need further guidance on the use of nickel(II) carbonate, please contact CLEAPSS.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.