Improvements in **WOOLSAFE Certified Operators Network**

A large number of professional carpet & upholstery cleaning companies have joined the WoolSAFE Certified Operators Networks in Great Britain and Ireland in the past few months.

Great Britain & Ireland

Clean-N-Dry, 54 Standen Avenue, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5PQ, Tel: 01983 529, cleanndry2005@yahoo.co.uk

Countrywide Floorcare Ltd, 201 Acton Lane, Chiswick,

London, W4 5DA, Tel: 020 8994 3170

stepsahead@countrywidefloorcare.co.uk

Go Clean Ltd, PO Box 5759, The Business Centre, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK10 1AH, Tel: 0800 197 4805 sales@go-clean.co.uk

Hi-Lo Cleaning, Hygiene House, 2A Surrey Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG2 0EU, Tel: 0118: 07866 549 258 info@hi-locleaning.co.uk

Rainbow International - Bristol, Unit 2d, Harbour Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 7BL, Tel: 01275 399 990, c.overs@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Hull & Beverley, 19 Scott Street, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU2 8AR, Tel: 01482 585 004, d.taylor@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Central Liverpool, Unit 1, Caddick

Knowsley Business Park, Prescot, Liverpool, Merseyside, L34 9HP, Tel: 0151 549 1407 p.dennis@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - High Wycombe & Thames Valley, Unit 11, Riverside Business Centre, Victoria Street, High Wycombe,

Buckinghamshire, HP11 2LT, Tel: 01494 536 650, t.aves@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Nuneaton & Coventry Nth, Unit B, Bryant Road Ind Est, Exhall, Coventry, Warwickshire, CV7 9EN, Tel: 02476 644 460, i.rix@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Reigate, Redhill & Gatwick, Unit 1, 28-32 Holmethorpe Ave, Holmethorpe Ind Estate, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 2NL, Tel: 01737 768 365, s.rigby@rainbowint.co.uk

Rainbow International - Rochester & Maidstone, International House, 105 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8JN Tel: 01622 755 642, d.heard@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Tamworth, Unit 4 Neander, Lichfield Road Ind Est, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B79 7XA, Tel: 01827 52253, j.longley@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Walsall, West Midlands House, Gipsy Lane, Willenhall, West Midlands, WV13 2HA, Tel: 0121 609 7080, a.broadbent@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Winchester, Unit 6, Shakespeare Business Centre, Hathaway Close, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4SR, Tel: 02380 610, b.willis@rainbow-int.co.uk

Rainbow International - Worcester, Unit 1, 9 Palmyra Road, Beechwood, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 2RH Tel: 01527 576 675, d.lazri@rainbow-int.co.uk

The following companies are no longer part of the WOOLSAFE network:

Great Britain & Ireland

Dirt Busters, Birmingham, West Midlands

Rainbow International – Chichester & Bognor, Littlehampton, West Sussex

ServiceMaster (Dudley & B'ham SW), Cradley Heath, West Midlands, B64 5QR

New WoolSafe Certified Operators Directory (GB & Irl)

The new Directory of WoolSAFE Certified Operators in Great Britain and Ireland has been published at the end of June.

There have been a number of significant changes since the last issue which came out in January 2004.

A few companies have dropped out, but many more have joined the Network. Where applicable, companies' email addresses and/or websites are now listed.

More adverts by WoolSafe Chemical Licensees enliven the appearance of this essential guide to carpet cleaning and maintenance services provided by the top carpet and upholstery cleaners.

As in previous years the Directory will be mailed to leading carpet retailers, all the carpet mills and other companies and organisations with an interest or stake in carpet care.

RAISING CLEANING STANDARDS IN GREECE

Dennis Paraskevopoulos, the Director of WoolSAFE Greece, has signed an agreement with the British Institute of Cleaning Science, BICSc, to enable him to train and assess cleaning operatives to BICSc's Cleaning Operatives Proficiency Certificate (COPC) standards in Greece.

"The Greek cleaning industry", says Dennis, "is very fragmented and, unlike the UK, does not have nationally recognised standards for cleaning personnel. The practical nature of COPC training makes it an ideal qualification for Greece where English is not widely spoken."

For the last 10 months Dennis has spent a lot of time promoting BICS training standards in Greece. He is a member of a Greek government committee for the certification of contract cleaners as an industry expert. Together with one of the two certification bodies approved by the government he has applied for a BICSc-based training scheme. He expects to start the training seminars for every contract cleaning company in Greece by the end of the year.

"After that," Dennis says, "carpet and rug cleaners are next in line. I hope to include WooLSAFE and IICRC standards in the carpet and rug cleaning training scheme."

Dennis is also committed to the idea of environmentally responsible cleaning chemicals, having suggested the introduction of a 'green' WOOLSAFE Mark in the first place.

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