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LEGALITY ASSESSMENT FOR GOVERNMENT AGENTS

When you are approached by an Officer or Agent of Government, be it a Police Officer, Fishing Inspector, Building Inspector or one of the many thousands of others (hereafter referred to as *Agent/s*), you are obliged to give your name in full and your residential address.

HOWEVER, you are entitled to know such things as the authority under which the *Agent* acts, the law and section thereof upon which the *Agent* depends, that proper procedures will be adhered to, and for you to ask reasonable questions relating to such procedures.

On being approached, it is suggested that you write your name and residential address at the top of the following '**Assessment Form**', place it in the hands of the *Agent* approaching you, and politely advise the *Agent* that:

'My responses will await the legal and procedural information requested herein being satisfactorily supplied'.

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Multiple copies should be retained at all times with a **SINGLE** copy being given to the *Agent*. Completed 'Assessment Forms' should be carefully held on file as evidence.

The details of ANY *Agent* failing to complete or return an 'Assessment Form' should be noted with date and time and filed as evidence of failure to supply legally required information and non-compliance with procedural regulations.

NOTE: If the *Agent* declines to respond to any part of the questionnaire, ask:

'Upon what grounds do you decline to respond to my questions?'

Take careful note of all reasons given in your own handwriting and number them, then, reading each question aloud in turn, ask the *Agent*:

'Which of your reasons for not responding apply to this particular question?'

Note the *Agent's* reason in the margin of the 'Assessment Form' by placing the relevant number of *Agent's* reason adjacent to each of the unanswered questions.

Take your time, do not become flustered or aggressive and remain polite, composed and unhurried.

When the *Agent* has responded to all questions, or *Agent's* reasons for not doing so are carefully evidenced, read the questionnaire aloud so that you are fully conversant with all the information provided. Ask the *Agent* to reaffirm the responses and place a tick in the margin if the *Agent* does so.

Note any additional information offered. Questions as to why the *Agent* answered in a particular way are in order, and answers should also be noted.

REMEMBER... when you have completed this procedure; it will be your turn to answer questions, so there is absolutely no reason to rush!