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To: All Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors

## **REMINDER: Maintenance of Fire Service Installations and Equipment**

This serves to remind all Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (RFSIC) on the proper maintenance of fire service installations and equipment (FSI). You may be aware of a recent incident involving a compressed gas cylinder of an FSI which caused fatal and serious injuries to the workers undertaking maintenance work. In this regard, the statutory requirements for examination, testing and certification of gas cylinders used as FSI as provided in the relevant legislation are summarized and tabulated below for your reference:

Installation / Equipment	Type of Maintenance Work	Person Authorized by FSD for maintenance work
FSI (other than portable equipment)	Annual Inspection Maintenance / Repair	RFSIC Class 1 <i>and/or</i> Class 2
Pressure cylinder* of an FSI [*Required to be approved by FSD under r. 64 of the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations, Cap. 295B]	Hydraulic Pressure Test every 5 years	#Approved Person for examination, testing and certification of gas cylinders
	Charging	Person holding a licence for the manufacture of relevant dangerous goods
Portable Equipment [Required to be approved under r. 3 of the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations, Cap. 95B]	Annual Inspection Hydraulic Pressure Test every 5 years Refilling of extinguishing agent and/ or charging of fire extinguishers <u>other than</u> CO <sub>2</sub> gas and clean agent fire extinguishers	RFSIC Class 3
	Charging of CO <sub>2</sub> gas and clean agent fire extinguishers	Supplier of portable equipment (Person holding a licence for the manufacture of relevant dangerous goods)

<sup>#</sup> For list of Approved Persons for examination, testing and certification of gas cylinders, please refer to FSD webpage: http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/home/eng/source/approved\_person\_66\_67\_DGO.pdf

In handling pressure cylinders, manufacturer's instructions and guidelines should be adhered to under all circumstances.

Please contact this Department at 27337827 or 27337557 should you need further information.

Yours faithfully,

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