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To: Licensees of licensed / registered premises

Dear Sirs/Madams,

## Removal of Glass Fronted Metal Casing on Emergency Exit Device

Recently, it has come to our notice that the pushbars of emergency exit devices (EED) on exit doors of some licensed premises are covered by glass fronted metal casings. Such glass fronted metal casings are not acceptable from fire safety point of view as they defeat the designed method of operation of the EED, thus causing exit doors not readily openable from the inside of the premises thereby materially increasing the danger to life that would result from the outbreak of fire or the occurrence of any other calamity.

In this regard, if the pushbar of an EED on any exit door in your premises is covered by a glass fronted metal casing, you are required to take immediate action to rectify the irregularity by removing such glass fronted metal casing soonest possible. Photos showing the correct configuration of an EED are attached in **Annex** for reference.

I would like to remind you that if the said glass fronted metal casing is not removed, a Fire Hazard Abatement Notice (FHAN) may be issued to you in accordance with the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation, Chapter 95F, Laws of Hong Kong, requiring such glass fronted metal casing to be removed within a specified period. Anyone who fails to comply with the requirements of the FHAN shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine at level 6 (i.e. HK\$100,000) and to a further fine of \$10,000 for each day during which the offence continues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any enquiries, please contact our Senior Station Officer Mr. TSUI Chun-ho of the Policy Division, Licensing and Certification Command of this Department at tel. no. 2733 7556 during office hours.

Yours faithfully,

(Robert LAU) for Director of Fire Services

