

Common Irregularities Encountered In the Issue of a Fire Services Certificate

Premises: Places of Public Entertainment (such as Dancing Establishment, Dance Parties and Entertainment Machine Centres)

Subject	Irregularities/Suggestions
<p>Irregularities</p> <p>Advice</p>	<p>Relocation of sprinkler heads without the production of a valid FSI/314A or FSI/314B</p> <p>For every minor alteration and addition works on the sprinkler system of the existing premises, a certificate of FSI/314A or FSI/314B as appropriate must be submitted by the Fire Service Installation Contractor to the Fire Services Department prior to the commencement of works. During the compliance inspection, a copy of the certificate of FSI/314A or FSI/314 B duly stamped by the Fire Services Department must be produced for verification purpose.</p>
<p>Irregularities</p> <p>Advice</p>	<p>Inadequate coverage of sprinkler heads or obstruction to sprinkler heads</p> <p>The main function of sprinkler heads is to suppress a fire at the incipient stage upon actuation. According to international standards, sprinkler heads should be evenly installed throughout the entire area under protection. For decoration works involving the removal or addition of partitioning walls, adequate coverage of sprinkler heads must be maintained and checked by a Registered Fire Service Installation Contractor. In any case, the operation of sprinkler heads should not be obstructed by any decoration, false ceiling, structure, stacking up of goods, etc.</p>
<p>Irregularities</p> <p>Advice</p>	<p>No documentary proof for fabric of PU foam filled furniture</p> <p>According to licensing requirements, all PU foam filled furniture should comply with the British Standard 7176 :1995 (medium hazard) or British Standard 7177: 1996 (medium hazard). For full compliance with PU foam filled requirements, a test certificate from recognized laboratory and an invoice from the supplier or manufacturer should be produced for verification purpose.</p>
<p>Irregularities</p> <p>Advice</p>	<p>No documentation to prove secondary lighting conforms to approved standard and insufficient information on FS 251</p> <p>For verification purpose, documentary proofs e.g. test report/certificate, etc. should be produced to indicate that the emergency lighting conforms to an approved or acceptable standard. The brand name, model and quantity of the emergency lighting units should be stated on FS 251.</p>

Irregularities	Exit signs not conform to Fire Services requirements
Advice	The design of the exit sign should be in accordance the current fire safety requirements.

Example of Common Irregularities

Obstruction to sprinkler head



Sprinkler head clear of any obstruction



PU foam filled furniture not comply with the British Standard 7176 :1995 (medium hazard) or British Standard 7177: 1996 (medium hazard)



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Exit sign not conforms to Fire Services requirements



Exit sign conforms to Fire Services requirements

