

Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 14th FSSAG Meeting (held on 28.9.2007)

1. Fire Protection Requirements in Construction Sites

The revised guidelines on “Fire protection measures in construction sites of super highrise buildings” were under fine-tuning by the Department.

2. New Arrangement for the Submission of Fire Service Installation Drawings for New Developments

After fine-tuning the proposal, a discussion paper on ‘Help Desk’ service was distributed to the Working Group members on 11.9.2007 for comments.

3. Graphical Symbol Exit Signs to be Used in Hong Kong

The Circular Letter for formal promulgation of the agreed design of exit signs was under preparation.

4. Standardization of Testing Arrangement for Street Fire Hydrants

Comments on the last version was received and incorporated into the current version. A Circular Letter would be prepared shortly.

5. Review of Requirements for AFA System by adopting BS 5839: Part 1: 2002

There had already been seven meetings since the establishment of the subworking group. The review was up to Clause 38 of the Standard. The next meeting would be held on 16.11.2007.

6. Emergency Lighting System - FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2006

As there was no further discussion on this matter, it would be deleted in the next meeting.

7. Installation of Lower Layer Sprinkler Heads below Suspended Ceiling

The relevant requirement of Taiwan for the same was taken for reference. Another meeting would be held when the data/information of computer simulation was available.

8. The Acceptability on the Use of LCD Display ‘Only’ for Addressable Fire Alarm Panel in Addressable AFA System for Indicating the Zone Number and Zone Name of Fire Alarm Location

As there was no further query on this matter, it would be deleted in the next meeting.

9. Prescribed Condition for Accepting Single Sprinkler Tank for Multiple Buildings

As there was no further query on this matter, it would be deleted in the next meeting.

10. Location of Manual Call Point at Storey Exit to Staircase

There was no further query on this matter. This item would be deleted in the next meeting.

11. Proper Maintenance of FSIs to Ensure Their Efficient Working Order

The FSICA had disseminated the message to their members about the requirement of the Fire Service (Installations Contractors) Regulations on the prompt notification to FSD of any change in information.

12. Subsidiary Zone Valves

FSD was considering a practical practice in connection with management of contractors with a view to eliminating the vandalism to the subsidiary valves of the sprinkler system.

13. Product Approval of FSI and Equipment

To align with the past practice, it was clarified that neither approval nor certification for check valve and pressure reducing valve used in FS installations was required.

14. Clarification relating to BS 5839-1:1988

In response to the request of the FSICA on the waiving of the remote indicating lamps outside the lockable rooms, the FSD drew the attention of the meeting to the operational need of the frontline staff for the remote indicating lamps. The FSICA would provide more information for further deliberation of the meeting.

15. Clarification relating to Clause 12.4.11 of BSEN 12845:2003

After discussion, it was agreed that the relevant requirement would not be applicable for

protected staircase satisfying the compartmentation requirements for MOE or MOA as appropriate of the Buildings Department.