

Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 15th FSSAG Meeting (held on 20.12.2007)

1. Fire Protection Requirements in Construction Sites

Minor amendment was made subsequent to the meeting among all key stakeholders of the trade and the FSD on 27.11.2007. A Circular Letter would be prepared. The guidelines would be implemented 3 months after the issuance of the FSD Circular Letter for allowing adequate time for the industry to prepare the new arrangements

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

The 2nd Working Group Meeting was held on 12.11.2007. The FSICA would further discuss amongst their members and returned their views to the FSD.

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

The Circular Letter for formal promulgation was under preparation.

4. Standardization of Testing Arrangement for Street Fire Hydrants

The preparation of both the Chinese and English versions of the FSD Circular Letter was about to finish. It would be issued and uploaded to the FSD website after signing off.

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

The sub-working group had met eight times since its establishment and had studied up to the end of the Standards. The next sub-working meeting would be held on 25.1.2008.

6. Installation of Lower Layer Sprinkler Heads below Suspended Ceiling

The CFD simulation information was received. A further meeting would be arranged amongst the representatives of FSICA and AP.

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

All members were reminded of the importance of proper maintenance of FSIs. As this

matter was already clear to members, it would be deleted in next meeting.

8. Subsidiary Zone Valves

The FSICA proposed installing an additional local buzzer at the vicinity of the sprinkler subsidiary valve in order to remind the relevant FSI contractor the position of the subsidiary valve before leaving the scene. Members were to consult the members of the organizations they represented for comment which would be discussed in next meeting.

9. Product Approval of FSI and Equipment

As there was no follow up discussion for this item, it would be deleted in the next meeting.

10. Clarification relating to BS 5839-1:1988

The FSICA suggested waiving the remote indicating lamps for guest rooms of hotels. The HKIE also suggested different colours of the remote indicating lamps, aiming to harmonise it with the interior designs. To facilitate further discussion, the FSICA would provide more details for considerations.

11. Sounder Base for Fire Detection System in Hotels / Guesthouses and Student Hostels

The FSD introduced the adoption of sounder base type smoke detector for guest rooms of hotels and guesthouses; and bedrooms of student hostels of new projects while the owners or management of these existing properties would be advised to install such device on a voluntary basis. After exchanging views, members were to discuss in the organizations they were representing about the proposal and proffered their views/comments.