

Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 26th FSSAG Meeting held on 28 September 2010

1. Management Enhancement to Prevent Unauthorized Access to the Sprinkler Subsidiary Zone Valves

FSD Circular Letter on Sprinkler Subsidiary Stop Valves Management System would be issued in due course.

2. Provision of Visual Fire Alarm (VFA) Flashing Red Light in Hotels, Hostels and Guesthouses

FSICA would assist in summarizing the comparison between the content of Part 1 of FSD Circular Letter No. 4/2001 and the new Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 2008 published by Buildings Department such that NP Division might look into the issue to see whether a Circular Letter was required to reflect the changes.

3. Sprinkler Protection of Concealed Spaces as per BSEN 12845 : 2003

The meeting agreed that it would be more practical to follow the existing practice of submitting the applications to FSD for approval on a case by case basis if the space of the concealed void was physically not adequate and technically not feasible for sprinkler installation.

4. Sprinkler Systems Monitoring

Regarding the proposal to exempt the requirement of providing monitoring device for small-size valves inside lockable sprinkler valves and pump rooms, FSICA should furnish supplementary information relating to technical constraints, cost involved, location of the valves and the size of valves to be exempted for further discussion in the coming meeting.

5. FSI Requirements in Construction Site Office

The meeting noted that the erection of contractor shed was governed by the Building Authority under a self-regulation mechanism. In case the site offices were out of the scope of building parameters stipulated in the PNAP, then FSI requirements would be formulated with reference to the Commercial Buildings-Low Rise of the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment.