

Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 29th FSSAG Meeting held on 21 June 2011

1. Provision of Visual Fire Alarm Flashing Red Light in Hotels, Hostels and Guesthouses

It was agreed in the meeting that the FSD Circular Letter would be finalised for promulgation after the incorporation of the relevant part of the visual fire alarm system checklist by the New Projects Division.

2. Sprinkler Systems Monitoring

It was suggested in the meeting that the small valves in priming tank and water alarm gong might be mechanically locked to open instead of providing monitoring device. Regarding the supplementary information on the location of small-size valves inside lockable sprinkler valves and pump, FSICA would contact the BRE for their advice for discussion in the next meeting.

3. Checklist for Fire Detection and Fire Alarm System to BS5839-1:2002+A2:2008

The draft checklist would be completed shortly. Members were invited to return their comment, if any, to FSD as soon as possible.

4. Local application of the LPC Rules incorporating BSEN 12845

After discussion, Members agreed that TB 210:2007 could be incorporated with the modification to cover both OH1 and OH2 in the new FSD Circular Letter

5. Requirement of power supply cable under BS5839

The requirements for power supply cables in section 26.2 of BS 5839-1:2002+A2:2008 had been incorporated as a guideline to the user in the final draft of the checklist for item 3 above.

6. Separate Pump Sets for sprinkler Installations for High Rise Buildings

The subject matter had been discussed. Members agreed to collect comments from the organizations they were representing for discussion in the next meeting.

7. Waiving of Fire/Smoke Detector at Top of Lift Shafts

FSICA proposed to discuss whether the fire/smoke detector at the top of the lift shafts being required by FSD could be waived due to its high false alarm rate and technical difficulty in its maintenance. After discussion, FSICA agreed to collect more supporting information or document to facilitate Members' discussion in the next meeting.

8. Use of Concealed/Recessed Sprinklers for Ordinary Hazards

In view of the need to deliberate this issue, Members agreed to review it and the discussion would continue in the next meeting.