

Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 31st FSSAG Meeting held on 19 December 2011

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

The Circular Letter on the updated Fire Detection Alarm System checklist and Provision of Visual Fire Alarm had been incorporated into the revised FSCoP and a FSD Circular Letter would be issued in due course.

2. Sprinkler Systems Monitoring

It was confirmed in the last meeting that FSICA would follow the requirements of the LPC Rules relating to sprinkler system monitoring. Since no further discussion was required for this item, members agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

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

The finalized checklist had been passed to NP Division for their incorporation into the new FSCoP. As no further action was required for this item, members agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

4. Local Application of the LPC Rules Incorporating BSEN 12845

It was agreed that the final draft Circular Letter together with Table 6 ,Table 7 and Table TB210.T5 would be circulated to members for agreement.

5. Separate pump sets for sprinkler installations in high rise buildings

It was concluded that separate pump sets or pumps with multi-outlets for sprinkler installation in high rise building should continue to be adopted in accordance with Clause 13.2 of BS 5306.

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

It was agreed that the installation of fire/smoke detector for lift shaft with lift machine room would follow the requirement of 2.54 in List 2 of FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2009. For machine-roomless lifts, the smoke detector should be installed at the top of lift shaft by site coordination between contractors for protection of the lift shaft.

7. Use of Concealed/Recessed Sprinklers for Ordinary Hazards

The meeting concluded that concealed/recessed sprinklers were not suitable for use in sprinkler installation in basement.

8. Delisting of Fire Extinguishers Containing Scheduled Substances from the Government Gazette

FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2011 on “Delisting of Fire Extinguishers Containing Scheduled substances from the Government Gazette” was issued on 10 October 2011. While separate notifications had been given to all licensees of DG stores, similar arrangements were being made for owners/building managements of fuel tank rooms with letters of approval for the storage of Cat. 5 Class 3 DG.