

Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 37th FSSAG Meeting held on 23 July 2013

1. Review of PPA 104 (Issued under cover of FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2006)

As no further comment on the issue had been received since last meeting, Members agreed that a draft FSD Circular Letter would be prepared by the Sub-working Group and the finalized draft would be endorsed in the FSSAG meeting.

2. Provision of Indication Label for Manual Evacuation Switch

Members discussed on the updated design and proposed location of the evacuation switch prepared by FSICA in detail. The meeting concluded that the updated version of the design together with the proposed location of the evacuation switch would be circulated to Operational Commands of FSD for consideration prior to seeking endorsement in the FSSAG meeting.

3. Emergency Lighting for Small Area

As no comment had been received since last meeting, Members agreed to delete the item in the next meeting.

4. Review on fire resisting cable requirements for fire service installations

The 1st Sub-working Group meeting was held on 2.7.2013. As discussed and agreed in the meeting, members would have a general review of the relevant standards and requirements and a more comprehensive task list would be formulated in the next meeting scheduled to be held in August 2013.

5. Local Application of Recycling Sprinkler Installation

As agreed in the last meeting, the application of re-cycling sprinkler system would be accepted on case basis by New Projects Division of FSD. The standard would follow the relevant section of BS 5305 part 2. Members exchanged views on the way to promulgate such arrangement. The meeting concluded that FSD in principle would follow the current practice that laid down in BS EN 12845:2003.

If the case were specific, it was suggested that the applicant should first make a pre-submission enquiry to the NPD of FSD. Upon receipt the advice of NPD, the applicant could submit the formal application together with the relevant plans to NPD for consideration and approval. Members noted the arrangement and agreed to delete the item in the next meeting.

6. Zoning of Operation of Manual Fire Alarms

The alarm zoning arrangement stipulated in various FSD Circular Letters (i.e. CL No. 4/96, 1/2002 and 1/2009) were discussed in detail during the last meeting and no further enquiry/comment had been received. As no further action was required for this issue, Members agreed to delete the item in the next meeting.

7. Maintenance and Services of Emergency Lighting

As Members agreed to the conclusion made in the last minutes of meeting and no further comment had been received or raised in the meeting, Members agreed to delete the item in the next meeting.

8. Review of Case Drawings 12/1 to 12/5 for V/AC Control Systems under FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2005

As requested by the Hong Kong Registered Ventilation Contractors Association (HKRVCA) and the Hong Kong Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Association (HKACRA), the drawings covering Case 12/1 to Case 12/5 and the corresponding requirements summary promulgated under FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2005 regarding Ventilation/Air-conditioning (V/AC) Control Systems for food premises were proposed to be replaced by the revised Case 12/1 to Case 12/4. To facilitate Members to have a full picture of the proposal, a detailed briefing was conducted in the meeting. As Members needed more time to go through the proposed amendments, they were advised to forward their comments to FSD by end August 2013 so that the issue could be further discussed in the next FSSAG meeting.