

Fire Safety Standards Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 5th FSSAG Meeting (held on 23.6.2005)

1. Inspection Procedures for Staircase Pressurization System

No comment was received on the final draft of the checklist which would be sent to all members for information.

2. Proposed Generic Design for Fuel Oil System for Upper Floor Generators

The HKIE proposed for a meeting to exchange the views with the FSD.

3. Guidelines on VAC Control Systems

For the convenience of the industry, the relevant drawings showing the configuration of V/AC control for licensed premises would be integrated when preparing the guidelines and the FSD Circular Letter was being prepared for the promulgation of the guidelines.

4. Fire Protection Requirements in Construction Sites

Information paper on the proposed open circuit water relay and close circuit water relay system was tabled for collecting views and comments from members.

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

The FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2005 was issued on 24.3.2005 for formal trial of the new submission arrangement.

6. CoPs for Minimum FSI and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment

The printing of hard copy in Chinese and English was underway.

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

The sub working group was formed and there were totally 10 members participating in the study.

8. Standard Testing Arrangement for Street Fire Hydrants

The current practice and procedures for inspection were explained to members. The FSICA was welcomed to prepare draft checklist for the comment of members.

9. Impact of Reduced Town Main Water Supply Pressure on FSIs

The memo from WSD in February 2005 about the reduction of pressure in town mains from 30M to 20M had certain impact on the design and installations of fire service installations in particular the new development areas. The FSD would follow up with WSD for identifying the concerned zones.

10. Review of Specifications for Automatic Sprinkler Installations

In view of the coming withdrawal of existing LPC Rules for Automatic Sprinkler Installations, a sub-working group chaired by SE(P) would be formed to review the new LPC Rules incorporating BS EN 12845:2003.

11. Clarification of Circular Letters

FSICA requested for the clarification on the contents of the existing FSD Circular Letters before incorporating into the new CoPs. It would be reviewed in due course.

12. Locations of Manual Call Points (MCP) according to BS 5839: Part 1:1988

The requirements on the MCP according to BS 5839: Part 1: 1988 should be strictly complied with.

13. Consultation Paper on “Third Party Certification and Product Certification Scheme”

The Information Paper on “Third Party Certification and Product Certification” was tabled for discussion. Comment from members was invited.

14. FSI Inspection on Large Development

In response to the enquiry on the feasibility of arranging quick re-inspection for large development, the FSD clarified that it was impractical as it would prolong the inspection times of all inspection requests.

15. Fire Resistant Cable for AFA System

It was clarified that only power cables were required to comply with the requirements of the FSD Circular Letter no. 1/2003 while it was not applicable to monitoring cables.