

Fire Safety Standards Advisory Group (FSSAG)

Matters Discussed in the 9th FSSAG Meeting (held on 29.6.2006)

1. Inspection Procedures for Staircase Pressurization System

The Circular Letter was pending for minor amendment.

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

As there was case of fuel tank installed above ground, HKIE's representatives would study it and look for a practical solution.

3. Fire Protection Requirements in Construction Sites

Comments from invited stakeholders had been received and were under scrutiny. A meeting with stakeholders would be held after the study.

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

It was proposed that the trial period would be extended for a period of 3 months.

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

The working group had drawn up a design for FSSAG's endorsement. The design, as shown in the photos tabled at the meeting, retained the original design of the Code of Practice but with the addition of graphics in between.

6. Standard Testing Arrangement for Street Fire Hydrants

Revised checklist was received from FSICA on 14.6.2006 which was then sent to members for comments. The comments would be returned to FSICA for their follow up.

7. Review of Specifications for Automatic Sprinkler Installations

Public consultation had been conducted through different liaison meetings. As there was no specific comment received up to 15 June 2006, a draft Circular Letter had been prepared for formal promulgation. It is proposed that Circular Letter would be issued on 1 August 2006 and the new Rules would be effective for developments with their initial general building plan submission to FSD on or after 1 January 2007.

8. Information Paper on Weight Limit of Portable Fire Extinguisher (PE)

Further information was awaited from the member for FSD's considerations.

9. Review of Requirements for AFA System by adopting BS 5839: Part 1: 2002

The Chairman reminded members that this item would be kept in view before the promulgation of Circular Letter for new LPC Rules

10. AOB

FSD had liaised with Hong Kong Accreditation Services (HKAS) about the feasibility for certifying self-contained type emergency lights in accordance with the requirements of this Circular Letter. HKAS advised that suitable facilities would be made available to cater for the local need for tests in particular the hot wire test.