

Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons

Date : 21 June 2007 (Thursday)
Time : 1500 hours
Venue : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

Matters Discussed in the Meeting :

1. Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, Cap. 572

The Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance [FS(B)O], Cap 572, would come into operation on 1.7.2007. BD and FSD, as the enforcement authorities, would arrange joint inspections to about 900 buildings each year. With a view to facilitating a smooth implementation, a number of publicity works, such as seminars for the professionals and the trade, had been / would be conducted.

2. Proposed New Arrangements for the Submission of Fire Service Installation Drawings for New Development

As regards the proposal of “Help Desk” service, an information paper would be prepared for consideration by the Working Group at a later stage.

3. Fire Protection Measures in Construction Sites of Super Highrise Buildings

The guidelines on “Fire protection measures in construction sites of super highrise buildings” were being drafted.

4. Graphical Symbol Exit Signs

Subject to the endorsement from the Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG), the implementation details would be promulgated in FSD Circular Letter in due course.

5. Uncollected General Building Plans in FSD

Department of Justice (DOJ) had issued two batches of letters to those concerned APs urging collection of the General Building Plans (GBPs) and settlement of outstanding fees.

6. Staircase Pressurization System

The concerned parties would further look into the feasibility of arranging an additional seminar for the trade.

7. Inspection Standard and Arrangement for Sprinkler Installation before Completion of False Ceiling for Complying with LPC Rules

With a view to identifying practical ways to resolve the captioned problem, a working group meeting with both the AP and FSICA representatives was held on 13.6.2007. The inspection standard would be worked out at a later stage.

8. Smoke Extraction System in Basement Carpark

Some members showed concern over the requirement of smoke extraction system in basement carpark. According to the Code of Practice, smoke extraction system for basement area solely used for car parking was not required. In case of presence of small plant room(s) which was ancillary to the building and of low fire risk and having proper FRC enclosures, the exemption of an independent smoke extraction system for such room(s) might be considered case by case.

9. Drencher System at Refuge Floors

Regarding the application for exemption of drencher system at refuge floors, the submissions depended very much on the designed configuration of the project involved and the contents of which needed to demonstrate the tenability condition for the people staying on the refuge floor(s) when lower floors being under fire situation.

Besides, it was acceptable on the side of FSD, in form of enquiry submission, to process the submission of fire safety report for exemption of drencher system in advance the GBP submission provided that all the information laid down there should be the same as those of GBP submission submitted in future.

10. Confirmation Letters Required at Application for Fire Services Completion Certificate

APs would be required to provide a number of confirmation letters at the time of application for fire services completion certificate. To reduce paperwork, one single letter to confirm all the involved items from APs would also be welcomed.

11. Maintenance of Building FSI

APs' assistance was solicited to ensure that the FSI contractors employed for projects involving existing buildings had carried out the necessary fire safety measures in accordance with the guidelines in paragraph 1.13 of the "CoP for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment"/FSD Circular Letter No. 1/99 & 4/99 before shutting down any FSI system in buildings.

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