

## **Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons**

**Date** : 20 December 2007 (Thursday)  
**Time** : 1500 hours  
**Venue** : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

### **Matters Discussed in the Meeting :**

#### **1. Proposed New Arrangements for the Submission of Fire Service Installation Drawings for New Development**

The Working Group had made agreement on the proposal of replacing the Stage 1 Submissions by 'Help Desk' service in the meeting on 12.11.2007. The procedures, once finalized, would be put into operation on trial basis and its effectiveness would be reviewed. The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited (FSICA) had reservation on the 'Help Desk' service for the reason that it might not serve the 'check and balance' function in FSI inspections. FSICA would further discuss the proposal with their members and return their views to the Working Group at a later stage.

#### **2. Fire Protection Measures in Construction Sites of Super Highrise Buildings**

A meeting among all key stakeholders of the trade was held on 27.11.2007 to discuss on the guidelines and some minor amendments had been included in the revised version. The guidelines would be applicable to those new super highrise building projects with initial general building plans submitted 3 months after the issuance of FSD Circular Letter so as to allow longer time for the industry to prepare for the new arrangements.

For non-compliance cases, FSD would, at the preliminary stage, advise the concerned AP to follow the new guidelines. However, if the situation remained the same without positive action, enforcement by means of issuing Fire Hazard Abatement Notice (FHAN) would be initiated.

#### **3. Graphical Symbol Exit Signs**

An FSD Circular Letter promulgating the implementation details of graphical symbol exit signs was under preparation.

#### **4. Uncollected General Building Plans in FSD**

The proposed amendments to "Practice Note for Authorized Persons and Registered Structural Engineers 30" (PNAP 30) were still under the consideration of Buildings Department.

**5. Staircase Pressurization System**

The details of additional seminar would be fixed at a later stage.

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

One of the academics had kindly provided FSD with the simulation result relating to the activation of sprinkler heads with separation greater than 450mm from the ceiling. A Working Group meeting would be held with the representatives of AP and FSICA for further discussion on this issue.

**7. Smoke Extraction System in Basement Carpark**

The information was being gathered for consideration on whether guidelines/criteria for provision of smoke extraction system in basement carpark could be prepared.

**8. Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme**

The consultation paper on “Implementation of the Third Party Fire Safety Certification by Introducing a Registered Fire Engineers Scheme” had been issued to the relevant stakeholders including the Government bureaux/departments and the academics/ trades on 2.10.2007 for solicitation of views and comments. The consultation period would last for three months until 2.1.2008.

FSD had conducted briefing sessions on the proposed RFE Scheme to the members from various trades including restaurant, hotel, theme park, nightclub and amusement centre, the Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited and the Hong Kong Federation of Restaurants & Related Trades.

**9. Interpretation of Section 5.3.4 of Appendix 4 of Code of Practice for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment**

FSD received an enquiry referred by the Equal Opportunities Commission on the interpretation of Section 5.3.4 of Appendix 4 of Code of Practice for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment. It was clarified that the restriction of 3 seconds time delay should be applicable to both audio and visual fire alarms.

The AP representatives’ assistance was invited to convey the message to their members that if clarification was required on the content of the Codes of Practice Minimum Fire Service Installation and Equipment and for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment, they were welcome to approach New Projects Division or Fire Service Installation Division of FSD directly.

#### **10. Sounder Base for Fire Detection System in Hotels/Guesthouses and Student Hostels**

As recommended in the Review Report on Unwanted Alarm, sounder base would be required to be installed to the smoke detectors in the guest rooms of hotels/guesthouses and bedrooms of student hostels of new projects. For existing buildings, owners would be advised to make installation on voluntary basis. The proposed standards of device i.e. NFPA 72 or BS EN 54-3:2001, were under the consideration of Fire Safety Standards Advisory Group (FSSAG). Subject to the FSSAG's endorsement and the availability of products in the market, an FSD Circular Letter would be issued to promulgate the requirements and implementation details at a later stage.

The above requirement would not be applicable to the homes for elderly, child care centres, hospitals and service apartments.

#### **11. Emergency Escape Lighting**

For installation of emergency escape lighting in interior rooms, such as bathrooms, BS 5266 was currently adopted. Under the standard, 2 nos. of emergency escape lighting should be installed for emergency lighting purpose in interior rooms of size larger than 8m<sup>2</sup> if borrowed light such as vision panel or door louvres was not provided.

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