

Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons

Date : 19 March 2009 (Thursday)
Time : 1500 hours
Venue : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

Matters Discussed in the Meeting :

1. Uncollected General Building Plans in FSD

The proposed amendment to Appendix B of “Practice Note for Authorized Persons and Registered Structural Engineers 30” (PNAP30) had been accepted by the industry and it was subsequently amended by BD in February 2009. A revised copy of the Appendix was tabled to members for information at the meeting. For easy reference, the added paragraph was extracted and reproduced below:

“No matter the plans are acceptable or not, the relevant set of plans should be collected by the AP within 3 months from the date of the notification letter from FSD. Otherwise, the uncollected plans will be deemed to be no longer required by the AP, and FSD will make arrangement for the disposal of those plans without further notification.”

Subsequent to the amendment in PNAP 30, a new footnote of such amendment would be added to FSD standard letters as discussed in the meeting on 13.9.2007. A copy of the revised standard letters were prepared and tabled for members’ comments. After deliberation, there was no adverse comment received from the meeting. The meeting agreed that the revised standard letters would put into use.

2. Smoke Extraction System in Basement Carpark

The meeting agreed not to incorporate the list of consideration factors for processing of applications for exemption of smoke extraction system for plantrooms in deep basement carpark into the circular letter as the list is not exhaustive and solely for general reference. All applications had to be processed on a case by case basis.

3. Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme

The Chairman of the Building Services (BS) Discipline Advisory Panel of HKIE had conducted a small briefing with their members and those of the BS Division in late January, 2009. The attendees were generally in support of the inclusion of RPE(BSS) and other RPE practicing in fire engineering field for registration as RFE.

4. Sounder Base for Fire Detection System in Hotels/Guesthouses and Student Hostels

The draft FSD circular letter would be issued after publication of the circular letter on the review of BS 5839-1: 2002 Fire Detection & Fire Alarm Systems for Buildings which was expected to be endorsed in the next FSSAG meeting to be held on 26.3.2009.

5. Remote Indicating Lamp Plate

The draft design, as shown in Appendix B of the last notes of this meeting, was brought up for FSSAG members' attention in the last FSSAG Meeting. It was agreed to incorporate the specifications of the remote indicating lamp plate into the circular letter on the review of BS 5839-1: 2002 Fire Detection & Fire Alarm Systems for Buildings.

6. Briefing Session on One-stop Centre

The EU was working with the Buildings Department to see whether the One-Stop Centre concept could be extended to other building types. As regards the "two-storey warehouse", no application was received so far.

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