

Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons

Date : 25 February 2015 (Wednesday)
Time : 1530 hours
Venue : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

Matters Discussed in the Meeting :

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

SB had recently issued the Drafting Instructions to DoJ.

Following the assignment of Law Drafting Officer by DOJ, FSD planned to introduce the Bill into LegCo in January 2016. Subject to LegCo's passage of the Bill by July 2016 the latest, the new regulation would be introduced into LegCo in the 4th quarter of 2016 or the 1st quarter of 2017.

2. **Protected Access Routes for Firemen**

This issue was further discussed in the Technical Committee Meeting on the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings of the Buildings Department held on 23.1.2015. The drafted Clause D11.4 was agreed in the meeting.

3. **Revised "Fire Service Installations - Equipment List" as appended in FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2007**

4. **Revised checklists as appended in "Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installation and Equipment (April 2012)"**

A FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2015 "Documents Required for Application for Compliance Inspection on Fire Service Installations and Equipment" is under preparation and the procedure would take effect 3 months after the issue date of the circular letter.

As there would be no further updates in near future, the meeting agreed to shelve these two items for the time being.

5. **New application procedures for approval/acceptance of fire service installations and equipment (FSIs) and other products**

Three seminars on ‘Approval/Acceptance of Fire Service Installations and Equipment and other Products with Fire Safety Concerns’ had already been held in December 2014 with about 830 attendees from various trades and industries. The final stage of the enhancement (i.e. Phase 5 of issuing Circular letter and Fire Protection Notice No.15 for formal announcement) would be launched in due course.

As further discussion was not required, the meeting agreed to delete the item at the next meeting.

6. **Maintenance Inspection and Testing for Fire Detection System (FDS)**

As further discussion was not required, the meeting agreed to delete the item at the next meeting.

7. **Provision of “Evacuation Switch” for Fire Alarm System for Buildings with Alarm Zoning Arrangement**

FSD prepared to issue a Circular Letter to inform all recipients of FSD Circular Letters that an external “Evacuation Switch” should be installed for the Fire Alarm System for buildings which had adopted zoning of operation of manual fire alarms (MFAs) in accordance with Part VIII to FSD Circular Letter No. 4/96. The Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment will be revised accordingly to reflect such requirement.

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