

Brief Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and Authorized Persons

Date : 29 November 2016 (Tuesday)
Time : 1500 hours
Venue : Conference Room, Fire Safety Command, FSD

Matters Discussed in the Meeting :

1. Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme

The Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2016, which was by and large a replica of the 2015 Bill with revisions relating to vetting of subsidiary legislation, had been discussed in a meeting of the Panel on Security on 11.11.2016 and was subsequently published in the Gazette on 18.11.2016. The 2016 Bill would be submitted to LegCo for First Reading on 30.11.2016.

2. FSI Requirements for Buildings with Lifts Serving Direct to Occupancy

EMSD had no further comments to the revised proposal on overriding all car calls on upper floors by AAD (Automatic Actuation Device) and initiating the home landing operation.

[The revised information is attached for members' information.]

3. Stop Valve Management System for Fire Hydrant /Hose Reel System

The FSD Circular Letter had been issued on 17.11.2016.

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

4. Alteration to Windows in Existing Industrial Buildings

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

5. **Improvement Measures for Processing of General Building Plans**

Further to the improvement measures on GBP (General Building Plans) processing as stated in FSD Circular Notice on 17.6.2014, a case officer from the respective team (i.e. H, K, NT/S, NT/N and Special Project) would be assigned to a project and handle all future GBP submissions as well as enquiries in a one-stop-shop manner. The new arrangement was implemented with effect from 1.11.2016 with a view to enhancing efficiency and providing better service.

Members generally welcomed the new arrangement. APs were also advised to make use of their database or any accessible information shared within the trade, in order to help avoiding repetitive or straight forward enquiries with relevant information already spelt out in the Code of Practice or Circular Letters.

6. **Building Description of FS172**

Subsequent to HKIA's previous enquiry about using different addresses from those as shown in FS161 and FS172 during compliance inspections on fire service installations, APs were reminded that the building descriptions to be adopted in FS172 should be consistent with that in FS161. In order not to delay issuance of FS172, APs were advised to arrange amendment of building description with NP Division as early as possible.

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