

**Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of
Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA)
held on 30.11.2006**

1.1 Improvement of Fire Safety under the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance

Members were briefed on the latest inspection statistics.

1.2 Checking the Standard of Maintenance Works Carried Out by Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (FSIC)

Members were briefed on the latest statistics related to the surprise checks carried out by FSD.

1.3 Proposal to Improve Fire Safety in Private Buildings

The Home Affairs Department had decided not to include the borrowing power proposal in the Building Management (Amendment) Bill 2005. However, the Security Bureau and FSD would explore the possibility of enhancing the financial assistance for Owners' Corporations of the target buildings with the Hong Kong Housing Society. Members were also briefed on the progress of implementation of the Fallback Option.

1.4 Proposed New Arrangements for the Submission of Fire Service Installation Drawings for New Developments

The meeting noted that FSD would consider providing a helpdesk to offer advice on complicated projects on a need basis.

1.5 Third-party Certification / Product Certification / Product Schemes

FSD had taken part in a presentation on the Registered Fire Engineers Scheme on 6.11.2006 organised by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.

1.6 Fire Protection Measures in Construction Sites of Super High-rise Building

The draft guidelines were being finalized. Discussion with all stakeholders on the implementation details would follow.

1.7 Interview and Written Exam for Registration as Class 3 FSICs

Practical test had formed part of the interview since October 2006.

1.8 The Change of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE)

In connection with the re-organisation of the IEE, FSD would seek policy support for making legislative amendment to the qualifications required for registration as Class 1 FSIC under the Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations.

1.9 Proof of Equipment Ownership

FSICA offered comments on the draft undertaking form.

1.10 Publicizing Information on Removal/Reprimand of FSICs

The proposal for displaying disciplinary records of FSICs was discussed. FSICA would consult their members on the proposal.

1.11 Application Form for Change of Registration Particulars of FSICs

FSICA offered comments on the draft form.

1.12 Proposed Repeal of Regulation 12(4) of the Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations

FSICA agreed with the proposed repeal. The Government would proceed with the necessary legislative amendments.

1.13 Provision of Additional Information on FSICs in the FSD Website

FSICs would be invited to update their contact phone numbers on a voluntary basis for public information on the FSD website.

1.14 Performance Monitoring System for FSIC Renewal under the New Registration Regime

FSD planned to incorporate a Demerit Point System into the future FSIC registration renewal mechanism. Reference would be drawn from similar systems being used by other Government departments. The trade would also be consulted in due course

1.15 Transfer of Compliance Check of Ventilation/Air-conditioning Control (VAC) System from Ventilation Division to Regional Offices

The compliance check of VAC system in food premises had been transferred from VD to RO with effect from 1.10.2006 on a trial basis for six months.

1.16 Uploading of brief notes of the FSD/FSICA Liaison Meeting on the FSD Website

Brief notes of the meeting would be uploaded on the FSD website.