

**Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of
Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA)
held on 26.6.2007**

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 Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance would be implemented on 1.7.2007. The Buildings Department and FSD were preparing for the change-over from the Fallback Option to full implementation.

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

FSD would provide “Help Desk” service to replace the existing arrangements. In the interim period, the arrangements stipulated in FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2005 would continue.

1.5 Third-party Certification / Product Certification / Product Listing Schemes

The feasibility study on the Registered Fire Engineers Scheme had been completed. As regards the product approval of fire service installations and equipment, FSD circular letter No. 1/2007 outlining the new arrangement had been issued.

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

No update for the time being.

1.7 Interview and Written Exam for Registration as Class 3 FSICs

Computerized examination using multiple-choice questions format would be introduced to replace the existing written examination.

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

Relevant professional bodies were being consulted on the appropriate new qualifications for registration as Class 1 FSIC.

1.9 Publicizing Information on Removal/Reprimand of FSICs

FSICA proposed publicizing only disciplinary board orders for the current year. FSD would study the proposal.

1.10 Provision of Additional Information on FSICs in the FSD Website

Updated FSIC list with telephone numbers had been uploaded to the FSD Website. Updated information on the qualified persons of registered Class 1 and/or Class 2 FSICs would be collected shortly.

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

The trial arrangements would be made permanent in view of the satisfactory result of the trial.

1.12 Field Study on Unwanted AFA Calls

Suitable testing venue was being identified.

1.13 Emergency Lighting

New products conforming to the new standards were now available in the market.

1.14 Improvement measures to be taken by RFSICs in respect of repairing/maintenance of building FSI

A circular letter setting out the improvement procedures was being prepared.

1.15 The importance of proper maintenance of FSI having regard to the recent tragic fire

FSICs were reminded of the importance to keep building FSI at efficient working order at all times. Moreover, FSICs who failed to follow the guideline requiring them to notify FSD on FSI shut-down over 24 hours would be regarded as having committed a misconduct and would be subject to disciplinary action.