

**Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of
Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA)
held on 18.5.2010**

**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 (RFSIC)**

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

Members were briefed on the latest enforcement statistics.

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

Comments from Government bureaux/departments (B/Ds) on the consultation paper of the revised RFE Scheme were being collected for scrutiny, and meetings were held with B/Ds to clarify and discuss the comments. Pursuant to some of the comments received, FSD would consult the relevant professions and trades and fine-tune the consultation paper.

1.5 Safety Issues on Compressed Gas System

A guideline on how to handle compressed gas cylinders had been put on the website of FSICA for members' reference.

1.6 FSICA's Proposal for Locking Devices of Sprinkler Subsidiary Valves

The relevant Circular Letter was under preparation and would be forwarded to the FSICA for comments prior to its dispatch.

1.7 Review of FSI Code

More than 370 suggestions and comments had been received from 18 professional bodies/departments, including FSICA. FSD would analyze the views received and revise the FSI Code.

1.8 FSD Circular Letter on Multi-sensor Detectors

FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2010 was issued on 9.2.2010 setting out the criteria for the installation of multi-sensor detectors. The new Circular Letter, which could be downloaded from the FSD's Departmental Website, promulgated the new measures that took retrospective effect from 10.12.2009.

1.9 e-submission of FS251

A revised e-copy of FS251 (in pdf format) would be ready by mid-May for further comments by the FSICA. Before the adoption of e-copy of FS251, the FSD would issue a Circular Letter to all RFSICs announcing the e-submission arrangement of FS251, and relevant briefing sessions would be arranged for the stakeholders.

2.0 Building plans submission regarding A&A works

Members were briefed that Buildings Department (BD) had recently revised its internal manual - *Practice Note 14 of the New Buildings Division 1 Manual on Processing of Certificate of Completion for A & A Works*.

2.1 Proper inspection of works by Qualified Persons before the issue of FS 251

Members' views were expressed on the interpretation of the Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulation Cap. 95A ("FS(IC)R") that the FSICs should ensure that the qualified person had inspected the work and was satisfied that the work had been properly carried out before issuing the certificate.

2.2 Amendments to the FSD Circular Letter no. 1/2009

The meeting was informed that FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2009, page 14 of List Two : Clauses to be replaced by modified conditions (BS 5839-1 : 2002+A2 ; 2008) item 2.6, the phrase "In unventilated voids (non-perforated void) greater than 1.5m in depth...." should be replaced by " In unventilated voids (non-perforated void) *not*

greater than 1.5m in depth....". A FSD Circular Letter would be issued to cover this amendment.