

**Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of
Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA)
held on 31.8.2010**

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

Having consulted relevant bodies including Government bureaux/departments, the consultation paper had been revised accordingly. Policy support would be sought from the Security Bureau on the revised consultation paper and the scale of the second stage industry consultation.

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

The relevant Circular Letter had been fine-tuned having regard to the comments proffered by the FSICA, and was forwarded to the FSICA for further comments.

1.6 Review of FSI Code

398 suggestions and comments had been received from 19 professional bodies/departments, including FSICA. Some of the suggestions were to be incorporated in the current updating work, and some would require further study for incorporation in the next major review. After further discussions with the

stakeholders, the draft proposal of the revised FSI Code would be ready for comments.

1.7 e-submission of FS251

A revised e-copy of FS251 (in pdf format) would be ready for further comments by the FSICA. Prior to the adoption of the e-copy of FS251 in connection with the LIFIPS and issue of a Circular Letter to all RFSICs announcing the e-submission arrangement of FS251, trial runs would be arranged with the participation of FSICs. In the meantime, a working group would be set up with FSICA to tackle the issue.

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

Pending further legal advice, administrative procedures would be explored to address FSD's concern on fire safety quality assurance.

1.9 Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations, Cap 95A

Members were explained and clarified the issues in relation to the Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations, Cap 95A.

2.0 The Duties of RFSIC to be Fulfilled

Members discussed and clarified issues of duties of RFSIC in relation to Fire service (Installation and Equipment) Regulations, Cap 95.

2.1 Fire Service Provisions for Contractor Site Shed

FSD would process general building plans submission on contractor shed according to the Section 4.14 – Commercial Buildings - low rise of the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment.

2.2 Prominent Display of F.S. 251

To enhancing public awareness of fire safety, FSD considered the Ombudsman's recommendation to promote conspicuous display of FS251 on premises acceptable. FSICs were requested to encourage their clients to display FS251 at conspicuous locations in buildings and licensed premises.

2.3 Testing of the Discharge Hose of Fire Extinguisher

Members were reported an incident in which the plastic jacket of the discharge hose of a Carbon Dioxide Fire Extinguisher was accidentally broken into fragments and slightly wounded a trainee in a Fire Services Ambassador training course. FSD was investigating into the cause of failure. FSICA was recommended to introduce replacement of fire extinguishers once for every five years and to ensure the replacement of the spare parts from the original manufacturer.