

Summary of Notes of 28th Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting
(held on 28.4.2011)

1 Pre-insulated Duct System

HKACRA proposed to add some relaxations to the proposed Circular Letter such as no sprinklers required when the VS did not penetrate compartments and increasing the exempted length/width of the pre-insulated duct and to clarify on sprinkler requirements under different scenarios. FSD would further discuss with the trade.

2 Inspection of VAC System for Licensed Premises

FSD held a meeting with the trade to discuss VAC arrangements under different situation. Comments on the FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2005 were made and FSD would fine-tune the schematics attached to the Circular Letter to illustrate more clearly the VAC requirements for licensing applications.

3 Inspection of Fire Dampers in New Building before Occupation

FSD reported that random inspection of fire dampers in more than 10 new buildings had been conducted. There were minor defects in the randomly selected fire dampers in most of the buildings e.g. improper backfilling, though major defects were found in a few of them, for instance installation method deviating from manufacturers' recommendation. All the findings would be forwarded to BD for analysis.

During document check of OP application for a new building, it was found that the "Certificate of Accepted Building Materials and Products" (Appendix A, PNAP No. APP-13) confirming that "the accepted building materials and products listed in the attached Schedule have been used and properly applied" was signed by a RSC(V), but major defects in fire damper installation were found in the subsequent inspection. An interview with the RSC(V) would be arranged to clarify his role in the issue.

4 AIC Audit Check

FSD reported that a review with FEHD on the license renewal procedures, including the submission and checking of AICs submitted by RSC(V)s, for food premises had just commenced.

5 Publicity of Annual Inspection of Ventilating Systems

FSD invited members to collect posters and leaflets promulgating the need for annual inspection of ventilating system in buildings and premises for display or distribution to their clients.