

Summary of Notes of 31st Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting
(held on 19.1.2012)

1 Pre-insulated Duct System

FSD received HKACRA's letter with comments on the pre-insulated duct system. It was pointed out that if water flow from sprinkler was obstructed by an air duct, provisions were already in place in the Sprinkler Rules to install additional sprinkler(s) to offset the effect. The proposed requirement for additional sprinklers would involve the work of a RFSIC, which would undermine the benefits of adopting pre-insulated duct.

2 Inspection of VAC System for Licensed Premises

The revised schematic drawings relating to VAC requirements in licensed premises were in progress.

3 Inspection of Fire Dampers in New Building before Occupation

HKRVCA and HKACRA had sent letters in December 2011 respectively to BD expressing their views on the pilot scheme of fire damper inspections in new building before occupation.

HKRVCA stressed that the installation of fire dampers in new buildings was one of the key activities in building projects and commented that the pilot scheme should form part of the prerequisites for the issue of occupation permit. HKACRA expressed that RSC(V)s shall be obliged to sign the PNAP APP-13 to confirm that fire dampers have been properly installed in new building construction if required. It was pointed out that BD proposed to include air duct installation works into the Minor Works Control System which might have impact on installation of air ducts for dynamic smoke extraction system and staircase pressurization system. They are FSI works and installed by RSC(V)s in the current practice and both associations had passed their concerns to BD.

4 Annual Inspection of Ventilating Systems in Scheduled Premises

FSD expressed that there were continual discussions between FEHD and FSD to review the licence renewal procedures and workflow for food premises relating to AIC submissions.

5 Revised Registered Fire Engineer Scheme on the Implementation of Third Party Fire Safety Certification

FSD reported out that the consultation on the Revised Registered Fire Engineer Scheme on the Implementation of Third Party Fire Safety Certification had completed on 16.1.2012 and noted that both HKRVCA and HKACRA had given their views. FSD would study the feedbacks and review.

6 FSD Integrated Licensing, Fire Safety and Prosecution System (LIFIPS)

FSD stated that LIFIPS, the new FSD computer system, had launched in early 2012. FSD had sent letters to all RSC(V)s in January 2012 to announce the new features on ventilating system applications, which included the two new AIC e-forms could be downloadable from the FSD homepage for submission to FSD and the e-submission of report of completion. FSD stated that there was no cut-off date at present after which the old AICs would become obsolete.

7 Code of Practice for Fire Safety in Buildings 2011

FSD would maintain the extant inspection/acceptance principles for ventilation systems despite the recent release of the new COP by Building Department. In case changes were found necessary, the trade would be informed before the implementation of any new practices.