

Summary of Notes of 35th Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting

(held on 24.1.2013)

1 Pre-insulated Duct System

It was stated that the fire risks of taking out the proposed additional sprinkler requirement for the pre-insulated duct was considered relatively low. FSD would review the draft Circular Letter previously prepared and would send the updated document to members for comment.

2 Inspection of VAC System for Licensed Premises

Both HKRVCA and HKACRA had no comment regarding the revised schematic drawings related to VAC requirements in licensed premises. FSD which would submit the drawings to FSSAG for comment.

3 Inspection of Ventilating System in New Building before Occupation

HKRVCA reported that they had received BD's reply letter in January 2013 stating that BD was reviewing the fire dampers inspection procedures in new buildings. FSD had provided advice on the inspection report of fire dampers in new Buildings for BD's reference.

4 Annual Inspection of Ventilating Systems in Scheduled Premises

FSD reported that FEHD was still reviewing the licence renewal procedures for food premises and would keep in view of the progress.

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

The Draft Business Impact Assessment (BIA) Study was completed and was being reviewed by FSD.

6 Flammable refrigerants used in Hong Kong

FSD reported there was a gas explosion incident occurring in January 2013 which was suspected to be caused by leakage of flammable refrigerant. FSD was concerned about the handling of flammable refrigerants in air conditioning systems and requested the members to provide information on refrigerant usage for reference. The trade was advised to take preventive measures for handling of flammable refrigerants especially during extracting and filling processes.

7 Approval / Acceptance of Ventilation Products

FSD was drafting a Guidance Note for Approving / Accepting Products used in Ventilating Systems which was for updating the procedures currently adopted in FSD.

8 Alteration of Ventilation System

FSD stated that there was no need to submit the alteration works of ventilating systems in buildings to FSD for vetting or approval. However FSD could provide advice on complicated projects as needed.