

Summary of Notes of 36th Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting
(held on 25.4.2013)

1 Pre-insulated Duct System

Since Cap. 123J and Cap. 132CE were under BD and FEHD respectively, the trial use of pre-insulated panels as air ducts might need to be confined to Cap. 123J only.

2 Inspection of VAC System for Licensed Premises

The revised schematic drawings related to VAC requirements in typical food premises would be discussed in the next FSSAG Meeting held in July 2013.

3 Inspection of Ventilating System in New Building before Occupation

A meeting on the “Inspection of Ventilating System in New Building before Occupation” was held between BD, FSD, HKRVCA and HKARCA in April 2013 and the findings of the Trial Inspection Scheme were discussed with a view for future improvement. A large percentage of new buildings inspected were found to have significant defects in the ventilating system and for those new buildings certified by RSC(V)s, a high proportion of buildings were found to have major fire dampers defects. BD would follow up on the issue.

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

Comments on the Draft Business Impact Assessment (BIA) Study was received. FSD would study and liaise with relevant stakeholders for further formulation of the Scheme.

5 Discussion of flammable refrigerants used in Hong Kong

ACRA held a technical seminar on “Safe & Proper Handling of Refrigerants” in April 2013. The seminar presented comprehensive view on the safety issues and proper handling procedures for refrigerants (including flammable type) in HVAC industry. FSD stressed that the trade should strictly follow the safety standards and procedures for the handling of flammable refrigerants both during operation and maintenance periods. It was pointed out that the flammable refrigerant issue should also be addressed by EMSD.

6 Approval / Acceptance of Ventilation Products

FSD was reviewing the need of a Guidance Note for Approval / Assessment of Ventilation Equipment & Materials and would inform members on progress.