

Summary of Notes of 37th Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting
(held on 25.7.2013)

1. Pre-insulated Duct System

The drafted Circular Letter on pre-insulated duct applicable only to ventilating systems under the Building (Ventilating Systems) Regulations Cap. 123J would be revised and sent to members for comments.

2. Inspection of VAC System for Licensed Premises

The proposed revised schematic drawings related to VAC requirements in food premises were submitted to members of the FSSAG in the meeting held in July 2013 and the feedback would be discussed in next meeting.

3. Inspection of Ventilating System in New Building before Occupation

The Chairman reported that FSD and BD had exchanged views on the inspection of ventilating systems in new buildings before occupation and FSD had made suggestions from fire safety point of view.

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

Comments received during the two briefings to stakeholders on the Draft Business Impact Assessment (BIA) Study were considered and the scheme would proceed to the legislative stage.

5. Discussion of flammable refrigerants used in Hong Kong

It was stated that enquiries on applications of flammable refrigerants in air conditioning units might be referred to the Gas Safety Advisory Committee of EMSD because the Committee was involved in the matters related to the application of LPG as refrigerant in household refrigerators. HKACRA would liaise with EMSD on this issue.

6. Approval / Acceptance of Ventilation Products

FSD reported that as the review on the requirements and procedures on approving/accepting FSI equipment was still in progress.

7. Fire Resistant Dampers

It was enquired that whether approval on the usage of “fire resistant dampers” would be required from FSD or not. FSD explained that in accordance with Cap. 123J and Cap. 132 CE, only fusible links and electrostatic precipitators required the approval of the Director of Fire Services and clarified that the “fire resistant dampers” was of intumescent fire damper type which was not related to ventilating system under FSD’s jurisdiction.