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To: Recipients of FSD Circular Letters

Dear Sir/Madam,

FSD Circular Letter No. 4/2021
Specification for Emergency Lighting

This Circular Letter announces the adoption, with local modifications, of BS 5266-1:2016 Emergency lighting - Part 1: Code of practice for the emergency lighting of premises; and BS EN 1838:2013 Lighting applications - Emergency lighting.

The specification of the design, installation, acceptance testing and maintenance of emergency lighting in Hong Kong is stipulated in the Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment, in which BS 5266 Part 1 and BS EN 1838 (with suitable modification pertinent to the local application in Hong Kong) shall be followed.

With the release of the BS 5266-1:2016 and BS EN 1838:2013 ('the Standards'), a Sub-working Group of Fire Safety Standards Advisory Group was set up and tasked to conduct a holistic review on the Standards for its applicability and practicability of local adoption. After comprehensive discussions as well as extensive consultations with the trade and respective parties of interests, the Sub-working Group has meticulously formulated a Technical Guidance by making references to the figures, tables and other technical details of the Standards. Except for the clauses/parts of the Standards covered in this Technical Guidance, all other clauses/parts of the Standards should be followed directly. Relevant clauses/parts of the Standards specified in Part 2 and Part 3 of the Technical Guidance are either "not to be applied locally", "to be revised" or "for reference only" with due consideration on the local situations and relevant Codes' requirements.

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This Technical Guidance is intended to facilitate stakeholders of local trade to apply the Standards in Hong Kong. It should be read in conjunction with the Standards, including the Notes, Commentary and Recommendations, and the relevant requirements of Codes quoted therein. The application of the Standards will be reviewed regularly pertinent to the local situation.

You may also download the Technical Guidance from FSD's webpage:

https://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/eng/source/guidance/Technical_Guidance_BS5266_2_016_BSEN1838_2013.pdf



The standards will be applicable for all initial submissions of building plans received by this Department on or after 1 January 2022.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leung Kwun-hong', written in a cursive style.

(LEUNG Kwun-hong)
for Director of Fire Services

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