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To: Recipients of FSD Circular Letters

Dear Sirs/Madams,

FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2022
Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and
Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment
(September 2022)

This Circular Letter announces the promulgation of the *Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment (September 2022)*.

Subsequent to a comprehensive review, which extensively engaged relevant professional bodies, trades and government departments, the new Codes of Practice have recently been finalized. The structure and arrangement of the publication are maintained in the new edition in view of their user-friendliness and the fact that they have been well adapted throughout years of implementation. The new Codes of Practice incorporate, inter alia, various new and revised requirements promulgated in the FSD Circular Letters (listed in **Appendix I**), as well as well adopted practices on inspection, testing and maintenance of installations and equipment. For easy reference, a summary of amendments is at **Appendix II**.

The new Codes of Practice shall be put into general use with effect from 1 September 2022. In relation to submission of building plans, the following types of building plans received by this Department on or after the effective date shall observe the provisions of the new Codes of Practice:

- (i) new submission of building plans for new building; and
- (ii) new submission of building plans for existing building of which not less than one half measured by volume is rebuilt or which is altered to such an extent as to necessitate the reconstruction of not less than one half of the superficial area of the main walls, or where an new occupation permit shall be issued.

Notwithstanding the above, voluntary compliance with the new Codes of Practice is welcome. In particular, the well adopted practices on inspection, testing and maintenance of installations and equipment should be continued before transition to the effective date.

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Electronic version of the new Codes of Practice in English is available on FSD website:

http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/eng/fire_protection/notices/code.html

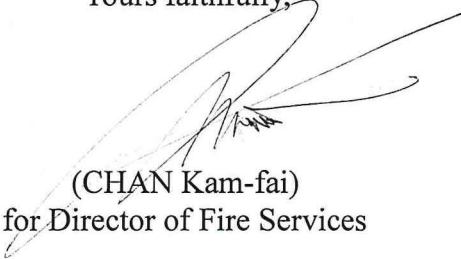


I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable comment contributed by those professional bodies, trades and government departments involved in the review.

Seminars on the introduction to the new Codes of Practice will be conducted shortly through the platform of “FSD Connects with the Construction Industry”.

Should you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Senior Divisional Officer (New Projects) at 3971 4600.

Yours faithfully,


(CHAN Kam-fai)
for Director of Fire Services

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Appendix I

FSD Circular Letters which have been incorporated in the
Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and
Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment (September 2022)

Circular Letter No.	Subject
2/2013	Fire Hydrant / Hose Reel System
1/2017	Automatic Actuation Devices for Lifts Not Discharging to Protected Means of Escape
2/2017	Minimum Fire Resisting Cable Requirements for Fire Service Installations
4/2020	Additional Fire Safety Requirements for Car Parking Facilities installed with Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities
8/2020	Annual Inspection Checklist for Sprinkler System
9/2020	Pressure Reducing Valves for Fire Hydrant/ Hose Reel System
1/2021	Shutdown for Fire Service Installations for Maintenance, Inspection and Modification or Repair
7/2021	Annual Inspection Checklist for Water Supplies
8/2021	Additional Requirements for the Pressurization of Staircases
9/2021	Revised Annual Inspection Checklist for Fire Hydrant/ Hose Reel Systems and Supply Tanks

Appendix II

Summary of Amendments

Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment

Item	Amendment	Amended Paragraph
1.	Textual Refinement	<i>2.2, Part IV General, 5.6, 5.14, 5.21, 5.23, 5.26</i>
2.	Update of Definition	<i>1.2, 1.7, 1.8, 2.2</i>
3.	Update with reference to FSD Circular Letters	<i>1.7, 2.1, Part IV General, 4.1 - 4.4, 4.7 - 4.9, 4.13 - 4.15, 4.17, 4.22, 4.23, 4.26 - 4.32, 4.35, 4.40, 4.44, 5.2, 5.6, 5.9, 5.10, 5.14, 5.21</i>
4.	Update with reference to International Standard	<i>1.8, 4.12, 4.13, 4.23, 4.36, 5.9, 5.11, 5.14, 5.18, 5.21</i>
5.	Other amendments (e.g. updated with local application of requirements and relevant items as agreed in liaison meetings/conference with professional bodies and the trades)	<i>4.27, 4.28, 4.31, 4.32, 4.42, 5.1, 5.6, 5.8, 5.14, 5.19, 5.21, 5.23, 5.26</i>

Code of Practice for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment

Item	Amendment	Amended Paragraph
1.	Textual Refinement	<i>1.17, 2.2, 2.12, 2.16</i>
2.	Update of Definition	<i>1.14, 2.1 - 2.30</i>
3.	Update with reference to FSD Circular Letters	<i>1.2 - 1.4, 1.16, 2.9, 2.13, 2.21, 2.23, Appendix 1 - Appendix 9</i>
4.	Update with reference to International Standard	<i>2.9, 2.11</i>
5.	Other amendments (e.g. updated with local practice on inspection, testing and maintenance of installations and equipment and items as agreed in liaison meetings/conference with professional bodies and the trades)	<i>1.13, 1.14, 2.8, 2.10, Appendix 12</i>