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Power companies

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The Lift & Escalator Contractors  
Association  
Pacific Century Cyber Works Limited  
Hong Kong Construction Association  
Director of Architectural Services  
Director of Buildings  
Director of Housing  
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Dear Sirs,

**FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2003**  
**Revised Fire Protection Notice No. 11**  
**Notes on Fire Extinguishers (Suitability and Maintenance)**

This Circular Letter announces the issue of the revised Fire Protection Notice No. 11 - Notes on Fire Extinguishers (Suitability and Maintenance) in April 2003. This Notice, published in Chinese and English, is intended primarily for fire service installation contractors, however, the contents are also useful to the interested public. The salient points of the revision are as follows:

(a) Maintenance

Maintenance procedures for portable equipment have been updated with emphasis on the inspection of the extinguisher body and safety precautions during maintenance.

(b) Hydraulic pressure test

Hydraulic pressure test for portable fire extinguishers is set at 5 years so as to tie in with international best practices.

(c) Clean agent fire extinguishers

The section on BCF fire extinguishers is removed and replaced by a new section on clean agent fire extinguishers.

(d) Foam (Chemical) fire extinguishers

A 'Note' is included to remind that inverted type foam extinguishers have ceased production and are therefore no longer permitted for sale in Hong Kong. However products already sold may continue to be used.

(e) Fire blankets

For meeting the licensing/certification requirements imposed by FSD, only FSD-approved heavy duty fire blankets are considered acceptable.

The maintenance procedures contained in the Notice are to take effect on the date of issue of this circular letter. Should you have any question on this Notice, please contact the Fire Service Installation Task Force at 2733 7879 during office hours.

Yours faithfully,

(LAU Kwai-shan)  
for Director of Fire Services