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Director of Architectural Services
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Dear Sirs,

FSD Circular Letter No. 4/2005
Emergency Vehicular Access

The Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance came into operation on 31.12.2004 and one of the amendments is the introduction of the new Regulation 41D of the Building (Planning) Regulations (B(P)R). According to this new regulation, an emergency vehicular access (EVA) shall be provided for each new building in virgin and redevelopment sites. Under the new B(P)R 41D(2), the design and construction standards of an EVA shall accord with the requirements specified in Part VI of the Code of Practice for Means of Access for Firefighting and Rescue (MoA Code). Any proposed EVA that meets the requirements of the MoA Code is deemed to have complied with the provisions of B(P)R 41D.

Since the implementation of the new ordinance on 31.12.2004, the authority on the provision of EVA has been vested upon the Building Authority (BA), and this Department is responsible for giving advice from a user's point of view. As all requirements on EVA have been specified in the MoA Code, the requirements on access for fire appliances as stipulated in Paragraph 5, Part X of FSD Circular Letter 4/1996 are no longer applicable. Accordingly, Paragraph 5 and Appendices A to E of Part X of the said Circular Letter are to be deleted.

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Notwithstanding the change of authority on the provision of EVA, the current practice of requiring the concerned Authorized Person to submit two copies of each EVA plan to this Department under Paragraph 1.2, Part VI of FSD Circular Letter No. 4/1996 remains unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

(CHOW Wing-tak)
for Director of Fire Services