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Testing of Halon Gas Flooding Systems

Pending the revision of testing standards and procedures now being conducted by the sub-committee comprising representatives of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, the Institution of Fire Engineers, the Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong and Fire Services Department, I would like to inform you that interpretation of the agent discharge time period for the purpose of testing this fire service installation under Section 21(6)(d) of the Buildings Ordinance, will follow those described under Clause 2-6.2.2 of Chapter 12A and 12B of the National Fire Code 1987 published by NFPA which is reproduced as follows :-

“This period shall be measured as the interval between the first appearance of liquid at the nozzle and the time when the discharge becomes predominantly gaseous. This point is distinguished by a marked change in both the sound and the appearance of the discharge.”

2. The discharge time presently adopted is 15 seconds, 5 seconds over and above the 10 second limit set by the National Fire Code and the interpretation as described above, being measures to standardise the acceptance procedures, and involving no additional work nor expenses to the Industry, will take effect as from the date of this letter.

Signed
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for Director of Fire Services