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To: Licence applicants / Licensees of licensed/registered premises

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Flammability Standard for Combustible Materials
in Licensed/Registered Premises**

In Hong Kong, the use of combustible materials including all linings for acoustic, thermal insulation or decorative purposes used for false ceilings, partitions or wall furnishings is common in licensed/registered premises. This advisory letter serves to remind licence applicants and licensees of these premises that such combustible materials shall meet the flammability standard which has been stipulated in the corresponding fire safety requirements issued by the FSD.

In general, the flammability standard for these combustible materials shall conform to BS476: Part 7 Class 1 or 2 Rate of Surface Spread of Flame or its international equivalent. Alternatively, the combustible materials shall be brought up to any of those standards by treating with fire retardant paint or solution acceptable to the Director of Fire Services by a Class 2 Registered Fire Service Installation Contractor (RFSIC) and a Certificate of Fire Service Installation and Equipment (FS251) to this effect shall be forwarded to the FSD as documentary proof of compliance by the RFSIC. Using combustible materials not up to the required standards in licensed/registered premises may result in serious consequences in the event of a fire.

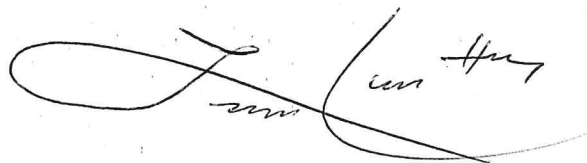
Your particular attention is drawn in the ensuing sub-paragraphs (a) and (b):

- (a) For licence/registration application, applicants are required to submit the relevant test report of the fire performance of the above-mentioned combustible materials or FS251 for the combustible materials treated with fire retardant paint or solution to the FSD for verification. Failure to observe the requirement may lead to unsuccessful licence application.
- (b) If licensees wish to use combustible materials or undergo an application for alteration involving the use of combustible materials in their licensed/registered premises, the licensees are required to clarify with the supplier on the flammability standard. The relevant test report or FS251 as appropriate shall be submitted to the FSD for verification. Non-compliance of the fire safety requirements will be regarded as breaching of licence conditions and the licence/registration may be suspended or cancelled by the licensing authority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need further information, please contact the Licensing Division of the Fire Services Department in accordance with the following districts during office hours:

<u>District</u>	<u>Telephone numbers</u>
Hong Kong and Off-shore Islands	2549 8104
Kowloon West	2302 5339
New Territories	3423 9328
Kowloon East	3423 9332

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Fire Services