Fire Safety Requirements / Recommendations

for

Temporary Places of Public Entertainment/

Non-designated Use of Venues

1. Portable fire fighting equipment of the approved type shall be provided as follows:

   1.1_____x 9 L water type fire extinguisher(s) at_____; and

   1.2_____x 4.5 kg CO_2 type fire extinguisher(s) at_____.

2. Adequate clear passageways shall be maintained.

3. Only electric lights shall be used for illumination.

4. No naked flame is allowed on the premises.

5. No decoration of readily combustible nature is permitted.

6. No selling / displaying of hydrogen filled balloon shall be permitted.

7. Chairs, if provided, shall be tied together in group(s) of not less than four and not more than fourteen per row.

8. A free passageway of not less than 1.2 m in width shall be provided and maintained between each row or column of chairs.

9. All electric wiring shall be arranged in such a way that it shall not impede any passageway.

10. No storage or use of any dangerous goods in excess of the respective general exempt quantity (GEQ) within the meaning of the Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012, Chapter 295E, Laws of Hong Kong is permitted without a licence granted by the Director of Fire Services.

If held Outdoor, the following additional requirements shall apply : -

11. All exits shall be indicated by ‘ EXIT’ signs readily discernible from a distance of 7.5 m in English and Chinese characters.

12. The minimum safety distance for fire, forge, furnace or other source of substantial heat from the boundary of any Dangerous Goods store of 6 m shall be maintained.

13. No obstruction shall be caused to any Emergency Vehicular Access (EVA) or the operation of Fire Services aerial appliance equipment. In this connection, a clear passageway of not less than 3.5 m for access to Fire Services appliances shall be maintained.

14. No obstruction to any building fire service inlets, sprinkler inlets, fire hydrant, hydrant ground valve or notice plate. In this connection, a clear zone of not less than 1.5 m shall be maintained.

15. Additional Requirements (if any) : -

If held inside a hall, the following additional requirements shall apply : -

16. No decoration of a readily combustible nature shall be permitted. All combustible materials used for false ceilings, partitions or wall furnishings shall conform to British Standard 476 : Part 7 Class 1 or 2 Rate of Surface Spread of Flame or to any standard acceptable to the Director of Fire Services, or shall be brought up to any of those standards by treating with a fire retardant paint or solution acceptable to Director of Fire Services. In the latter case, the work shall be carried out by a Class 2 Registered Fire Service Installation Contractor and a certificate (FS251) to this effect from the Contractor shall be forwarded to this Department as documentary proof of compliance.

17. All draperies and curtains, if installed, shall be made of fire resistant material and conform to British Standard BS 5867: Part 2 (Type B performance requirements) when tested in accordance with BS EN ISO 15025:2002 or to any other standard acceptable to the Director of Fire Services, or shall be brought up to any of those standards by treating with a fire retardant solution acceptable to Director of Fire Services. In the latter case, the work shall be carried out by a Class 2 Registered Fire Service Installation Contractor and a certificate (FS251) to this effect from the Contractor shall be forwarded to this Department as documentary proof of compliance.

18. All curtains hung across exit routes shall be parted in the centre and raised so as to clear the floor by not less than 75mm.

19. All exits/doors should be kept openable from the inside without the use of a key and all metal gates and shutters, where installed, should be kept in the open position at any time when members of the public are present in the premises.

20. All staircases, exits and exit routes should be kept free from obstruction at all times.

21. The existing fire service installations for the premises to remain unobstructed.

22. Additional Requirements (if any) : -