

# **Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group (FSSAG)**

## Matters Discussed in the 35<sup>th</sup> FSSAG Meeting held on 18 December 2012

### **1. Review of PPA 104 (Issued under cover of FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2006)**

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sub-working Group meetings were held on 15.10.2012 and 22.11.2012 respectively. Progress of the Sub-working Group was satisfactory.

### **2. Clarification of Fire Alarm and Detection System BS 5839-1:2002+A2:2008**

The clarification proposed by the FSICA on fire resisting cables in the last meeting was considered in order according to Appendix 8 of the FSCoP (2012). As no further comments on the issue had been received, Members agreed to delete this item in the next meeting.

### **3. Provision of Indication Label for Manual Actuation Switch**

Members discussed and exchanged views on the intended design of the indication label for manual actuation switch. The meeting agreed that FSICA should follow the principle as discussed in the meeting in designing the label. The design-samples should then be circulated to Members for further consideration.

### **4. Clarification of the new criteria if the fire engineering approach is adopted for the deletion of a drencher system on the refuge floor**

Since the subject matter had been discussed and clarified in the last meeting and that no further discussion was required by Members, the meeting agreed to delete this item in the next meeting.

### **5. Operation procedure for AVA system**

The meeting concluded that as the proposal put up by FSICA was only a general guideline which was not an official requirement; whether it would be applicable to a particular area depended very much on the design of a building/complex. Under the circumstances, the guideline was meant for general reference only.

**6. Emergency Lighting for Small Area**

It was suggested in the last Sub-working Group meeting that licensing premises of 16m<sup>2</sup> and below should be provided with one emergency lighting from two emergency luminous circuits in case of failure of one emergency luminous circuit. The suggestion was being considered by members of Sub-working Group.

**7. Checklist for Fire Detection and Fire Alarm System to BS5839-1:2002+A2:2008**

Members discussed and exchanged views on the proposal prepared by FSICA. The meeting concluded that FSICA would revise the appendix and the diagrams concerned as discussed in the meeting, particularly the requirement laid down in BS EN 50200 and BS 8434-2 for the cable standard should be strictly followed. The revised version would then be circulated to Members for further comment.

**8. Local Application of Recycling Sprinkler Installation**

The issue was discussed in detail. Members agreed that FSICA would write to FPA of the UK in order to gather more background information in this regard for further discussion in the next meeting.

**9. The feasibility of Installing a Maintenance Switch to avoid Accidental Triggering of System during Testing**

Members exchanged views on the issue. The meeting concluded that as the subject matter should be considered on a case by case basis, which was in fact a deal between Arch SD and FSD and hence the item would not be discussed further in the meeting. Members agreed to delete this item in the next meeting.

**10. To clarify some interpretation of the clause of Provision of Audio/Visual Advisory System**

Members were given to understand that all requirements laid down in the FSI Code should be closely observed and followed. For specific situation, the Department would consider it on a case by case basis.