

**Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of Registered
Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA)
held on 13 September 2016**

1.1 Improvement of Fire Safety under the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance

Members were briefed on the latest inspection statistics.

1.2 Proposal to Improve Fire Safety in Private Buildings

Members were briefed on the latest enforcement statistics.

1.3 Checking the Standard of Maintenance Works Carried Out by Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (RFSIC)

Members were briefed on the latest statistics related to the surprise checks carried out by FSD.

1.4 Registered Fire Engineer Scheme (RFireE)

LegCo could not process the Bill before its prorogation on 16 July 2016 as a result of filibustering and the Bill was lapsed. It was planned to re-introduce the proposed legislation to LegCo in the Legislative Year 2016/2017.

1.5 Commissioning of the Integrated Licensing, fire Safety and Prosecution System (LIFIPS)

The average usage of e-FS 251 was 38.61% from January to August 2016, and the monthly usage had reached a historical high of 41.48% in July.

1.6 Annual Inspection of Fire Service Installations and Equipment (FSIs)

Between June 2016 and August 2016, there were 442 advisory letter (ALs) dispatched to the building owners and 658 nos. of FS 251 were received in response to the ALs in these three months.

1.7 Provision of reference cost estimation for upgrading FSI of typical old buildings

In view of the complicated legal implication arising from this issue, in particular the implication from the newly enacted Competition Ordinance, it was suggested to engage a more in-depth study and put the discussion in abeyance for the time being. Members agreed that the item would be deleted in the next meeting until there was a need for discussion.

1.8 Review of Workshop Equipment List

A letter regarding the workshop equipment list and its effective date would be sent to all registered FSI contractors (RFSIC) for information and reference. RFSIC's existing workshops which had already been inspected and found satisfactory would not be affected by the above revision. Nevertheless, it was recommended that FSIC might take the latest requirements as reference and constantly review their workshop equipment.

1.9 Automatic Actuation Devices for Lifts Not Discharging to Protected Means of Escape

Reply for the subject proposal was recently received from the EMSD after consultation with the lift trade. In gist, there was no objection to overriding all car calls to prevent lift passengers unknowingly from disembarking on the scene of fire on upper floor and at the same time initiating the home landing operation. However, for fire signal at the home landing the trade opined that there would be difficulties to redirect the lift to non-designated floors. Furthermore, there was no lift manufacturer that could provide such function with existing products.

As the original intent of the subject proposal was to avoid the potential hazard of those lifts NOT opening to a lobby, the scenario of redirecting the lift car away from home landing should be regarded as an added safety feature. Noting that the home landing floor (usually ground floor) being a location leading directly to a place of safety and the technical infeasibility, the additional proposed feature to redirect away from home landing would not be further pursued.

FSD would revise the proposal and circulate to the EMSD for further comment.

1.10 Provision of securing devices to prevent the Stop Valve of FS tank from being tampered or inadvertently turned off

The relevant circular letter would be finalized for issue.

1.11 Timely Notification of Changes in Registration Particulars by Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors (RFSICs)

With regard to FSICA's comment on the proposed list of registration particulars and the revised change form, the documents had been further refined to facilitate FSD to collect up-to-date information on the responsible persons and contact information of RFSICs.

1.12 Fire Resistant Cables for Use in Fire Service Installations and Equipment

As this item had been thoroughly discussed during the last meeting and no further comment was received, members agreed to delete the item in the next meeting.

1.13 Seminar on the Implementation of the FS(B)O and the Certification Requirements for FSI plans

A total of four seminars regarding the captioned issue were held in May and June 2016 respectively. The presentation slides had been uploaded onto FSD website for information of the stakeholders.

FSD had recently invited 804 registered FSICs (RFSICs) to indicate their interest in providing services for FSI improvement works pertaining to the FS(CP)O and FS(B)O. As at 1.8.2016, 203 RFSICs had indicated their interest in providing such services. The list of interested RFSICs, which would be updated at a 6-month interval, had been uploaded onto FSD website for public's information. In this regard, Buildings Department, Home Affairs Department and Urban Renewal Authority had been informed as well.

1.14 Improvised Hose Reel System in Connection with the Enforcement of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance

FSD and Water Supplies Department (WSD) had carried out a pilot scheme on adopting improvised hose reel system (i.e. direct water supply from government mains) for non-domestic portion of the target composite buildings (TCB) of 3 storeys or below regulated under the FS(B)O.

FSD had issued FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2016 on 6.9.2016 to announce the acceptance of improvised hose reel system as an alternative of the conventional

hose reel system. The aforesaid Circular Letter had been uploaded onto the FSD website for public's information. For facilitating RFSIC and other related professionals' understanding of the system, seminars would be arranged by FSD shortly.