

**Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of Registered
Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA)
held on 13 June 2017**

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)

The Ordinance would come into operation on a day appointed by the Secretary for Security by notice published in the gazette. FSD was planning a third round of consultation and would finalize details of control in a subsidiary legislation to be approved by the Legislature. Members were informed that phase one of the Scheme would mainly cover licensed premises.

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

The average usage of e-FS 251 from January to April 2017 was 42.27%. In February 2017, the monthly usage reach a historical high of 44.16%.

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

Between March and May 2017, there were 1,117 advisory letter (ALs) dispatched to the building owners and 585 nos. of FS 251 were received in response to the ALs in these three months.

For the annual inspection (AI) of open kitchen, contractors were recommended to

submit the FS 251 in the following formats. Firstly, they could submit in the form of entire building. Secondly, they could submit it individually for the unit undergone AI. It was also strongly recommended that they could submit the FS 251 with the appendix listing those units not yet undergone AI so that an accurate record could be maintained by FSD.

1.7 FSD Circular Letter No. 5/2016

With reference to FSD Circular Letter No. 5/2016 - “Revised Supply Tank Requirement for Hose Reel System in Connection with the Enforcement of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572), Laws of Hong Kong”, nearly 80% owners of relevant targeted composite building (TCB) were informed of the details of the circular and two in-house seminars to members of operational commands had also been conducted on 18 and 19 May 2017. Up to 18.5.2017, relaxation of 500 l FS water tank (effective capacity) for HR system was granted to 358 TCB.

1.8 General Guide on Buying Fire Extinguisher

It was proposed to draw up a list showing the names and contact points of those registered FSI contractors (RFSIC) under FSICA who sold fire extinguisher (FE) and / or provide FE installation. The list would then be uploaded onto the FSD website for general public’s information and reference. Action was in progress.

1.9 FS water connection to the fresh water supply system/roof tank of target composite buildings under the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, Cap 572

Joint meetings with Water Supplies Department (WSD) were held in November 2016 and January 2017. During the meetings, 5 proposals on the use of fresh water supply system/roof tank for fire service installations (FSIs) in targeted composite buildings (TCBs) under the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, Cap. 572 were discussed. Approval-in-principle on the 5 proposals was given by WSD. The schematic FSI drawings for the 5 proposals had been circulated to key stakeholders for comments. After consolidating the comments from various stakeholders, the schematic drawings were being fine-tuned by FSD. In this regard, a FSD Circular Letter would be issued to all parties concerned for information and reference in due course.

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

All Registered Fire Service Installations Contractors (RFSICs) were reminded to closely observe the requirements of fire resisting cables (FRC) for use in the fire service installations as stipulated in para. 5.15 of Part V of the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installation and Equipment (CoP). RFSICs were also advised to purchase FRC from reputable suppliers or authorized agents to ensuring that the FRC used in FSI were of the required product standard and quality. In addition, RFSIC should also follow FSD Circular Letter 1/2015 to provide all required documents for their application of compliance inspection of FSI.

1.11 Briefing on Construction Workers Registration System

Since Construction Industry Council (CIC) had proposed to incorporate Class 3 RFSIC qualification into the new Construction Workers Registration (CWR) Card, Ms. Helena WONG, Senior Officer of CIC came to provide a briefing on the system to the meeting. If members had further enquiries regarding the subject matter, they could approach CIC directly.