

**Summary of Notes of Liaison Meeting between FSD and the Association of Registered
Fire Service Installation Contractors of HK Ltd (FSICA)
held on 4 January 2018**

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 trade consultation paper was issued to 35 stakeholders of the trade on 30.11.2017 and they were requested to return their views (if any) to FSD before 15 January 2018.

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

The usage of e-FS 251 from September to November 2017 hovered at around 43% and the average usage of e-FS 251 in 2017 was 42.03%.

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

292 advisory letters (ALs) dispatched to the building owners between September 2017 and November 2017. There were 291 nos. of FS 251 received in response to the ALs within the period.

An API was being produced to enhance public awareness of FSI annual inspection in domestic units with open kitchen design. The API was expected

to be broadcast in February 2018.

1.7 FSD Circular Letter No. 5/2016

Up to 31.12.2017, relaxation of 500 litres FS water tank (effective capacity) for its HR system was granted to 844 targeted composite buildings. A promotion video of Improvised HR system to the public had been uploaded to FSD YouTube in Oct 2017.

1.8 General Guide on Buying Fire Extinguisher

There were 88 Class 1 & 2 RFSIC, 4 Class 2 RFSIC and 96 Class 3 RFSIC expressed their interests in providing selling services of approved portable equipment. A list showing their names and contact points was uploaded onto the FSD website on 3.11.2017 for general public's information and reference.

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

A joint meeting for the pilot scheme for FS Water Connection to Water Supply System in Buildings with Water Supplies Department (WSD) was held in December 2017. During the meeting, arrangement of application for the pilot case on the use of fresh water supply system and fresh water roof tank for fire service installations (FSIs) in targeted composite/domestic buildings (TCBs/TDBs) under the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, Cap. 572 was discussed.

FSD Circular Letter No. 3/2017 had been issued to relevant trades and stakeholder concerned on 27.09.2017. All owners of relevant TCBs/TDBs were being informed of the details of this circular by Notification Letters.

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

Members were informed that with a view to keeping fire safety requirements in pace with technological advances in the fire service industry, FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2017 was issued in September 2017 to revise the minimum requirements of fire resisting cable for use in the Fire Service Installations. All Registered Fire Service Installations Contractors (RFSIC) were reminded to closely observe the new requirements.

1.11 Improved FH/HR System (Phase III) for Targeted Composite Buildings of 7 storeys or above or over 20 m in height

FSD Circular Letter No.3/2017 was issued on 27.09.2017. A press conference on introducing the Improved FH/HR system Phase II & III was conducted in FSHQ on 21 September 2017. Seminars to various stakeholders were conducted on 25, 26 & 27 September 2017 respectively, with a total of 526 participants.

1.12 Disposal of Portable Fire Extinguishers and Cylinders

A meeting among EPD, ENB, FEHD, EMSD and FSD on the collection and disposal of abandoned fire extinguishers (FE) and compressed gas cylinders was held on 19.10.2017. In general, the meeting agreed that these abandoned articles should be treated as chemical waste or non-chemical waste depending on their content and be handled by EPD and FEHD respectively.

With a view to promoting the awareness of the public as well as stakeholders about proper disposal of obsolete FE and compressed gas cylinders, a working group meeting was held among FSD, EPD, FEHD and EMSD on 2.11.2017. It was preliminarily agreed in the meeting that a joint leaflet and poster would be published.

RFSICs were reminded to follow appropriate procedures in accordance with the Notes on Fire Extinguishers as set out in Appendix 11 to the Codes of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment and Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Installations and Equipment when discharging an unserviceable extinguisher or recovering its contents prior to disposal.