

Summary of Notes of 58th Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting

(held on 13.12.2018)

1.	<p><u>Electrical Interlock and VAC Control System for Licensed Food Premises</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that the proposal with cases 12/1 to 12/5 of FSD circular 2/2005 had been circulated to members of the Fire Safety Standard Advisory Group for comment. Upon clearance of comments from VILG and FSSAG, the relevant circular will be prepared and issued tentatively in December 2018.</p>
2.	<p><u>Use of Pre-insulated Panels for the Construction of Air Ducts in Mechanical Ventilating System</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that one submission on the captioned material was approved. In order to allow ample time for the manufacturers and practitioners to accumulate relevant practical experience on the application of products, a further extension of trial period for FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2014 was taken effect from 30 October 2018 to 29 October 2020.</p>
3.	<p><u>Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme</u></p> <p>Subsequent to the a meeting with members of HKRVCA on 8 June 2018, the Secretary reported that FSD had consolidated views on the implementation of the scheme for reply. FSD also sought advices from authorities in respect of conflict of interest of different stakeholders of the RFE Scheme. Besides, FSD also worked on the drafts for the Regulations and related code of practice.</p>
4.	<p><u>Annual Inspection of Ventilating System in Residential Flats with Open Kitchen Design</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the use of fire damper in kitchen & toilets without windows in domestic buildings was discussed in AP Liaison meeting. A new form was designed for collecting data of installation of fire dampers in open kitchen unit and window-less kitchen/ toilet in new developments, the new form should be submitted with the “Document Checklist by APs before FSI Acceptance Inspections”. The above information will be collected for monitoring the annual inspection of ventilating systems.</p>

5.	<p><u>Minor Refinements for Annual Inspection Certificates</u></p> <p>The Secretary advised that comments from RSCV on the use of revised AIC were received and followed. As agreed in previous meeting, the latest version of AIC will be adopted with effective on 1 January 2019.</p>
6.	<p><u>Ventilating Systems for Modular Integrated Construction System with “ Domestic”/”Hostel” as the Intended Uses</u></p> <p>The Secretary advised that enquiries on the fire safety requirement of ventilating system for captioned premises from Building Department were received. FSD replied that ventilating systems including fire dampers should meet the standards and installation requirements stipulated in Part XI of Circular Letter No. 4/96. A registered specialist contractor in the ventilation works category will be engaged to inspected inspect and certify that fire dampers were in safe and efficient working order pursuant to relevant clauses in the FS Code 2011 issued by Building Department.</p>