

Summary of Notes of 61st Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting

(held on 26.9.2019)

1.	<p><u>Electrical Interlock and VAC Control System for Licensed Food Premises</u></p> <p>Members have no further enquiry on the FSD Circular Letter No. 1/2019, this item would be deleted.</p>
2.	<p><u>Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme</u></p> <p>In response to the request from HKRVCA, a meeting among FSD and HKRVCA was held on 6.9.2019 to discuss their concerns over the RFE Scheme, including the role of Registered Specialist Contractor (Ventilation Works Category) under Cap 123J, Cap 132CE and Licensing regime, the compliance inspection under RFE Scheme and eligibility criteria for registration of RFE. In response to the views of HKRVCA, FSD reiterated the objective and rationale on implementation of RFE Scheme and the statutory role and function of RFE(Vent) for compliance certification under the RFE Scheme.</p> <p>The meeting discussed trade practice in facilitating compliance inspection and noted that HKRVCA had approached the Hong Kong Federation of Restaurants & Related Trades Limited (HKFORT) with support to their association on the issue of RFE Scheme. It is anticipated that the legislation of associated regulations for the RFE scheme was still in progress and would be further proceeded in 2020.</p>
3.	<p><u>Annual Inspection of Ventilating System in Residential Flats with Open Kitchen Design</u></p> <p>Audit for annual inspection certificates for ventilating system in residential flats with open kitchen design are continued. Members have no further enquiry on the arrangement of audit inspections, this item would be deleted.</p>

4.	<p><u>Ventilating Systems for Modular Integrated Construction System with “Domestic”/”Hostel” as the Intended Uses</u></p> <p>The Secretary reported that a Guidance Notes on submission, Approval and Acceptance Inspection of Fire Service Installations and Equipment in Modular Integrated Construction Building Projects was issued on 22.3.2019. This item would be deleted in next meeting.</p>
5.	<p><u>Review of Protection Requirements against Fire and Smoke in Protected Areas</u></p> <p>VD received a set of ventilating drawings from HKRVCA via their email on 16.9.2019. VD issued their comments on the drawings to HKRVCA on 24.9.2019. Mr. CHONG advised that further revisions on the drawings with more scenarios to be added and re-submitted to VD for comment in due course.</p>
6.	<p><u>Discussion for Acceptance Inspection for Ventilating System in Licensed Premises</u></p> <p>Members from HKRVCA have enquiries on the following areas regarding acceptance inspection for ventilating system in licensed premises:-</p> <p>6a. Members enquired the extent of ventilating system with communal air duct to be inspected outside the licensed premise. HKRVCA will submit drawings with different scenarios for review and discussion.</p> <p>6b. For paragraph 1.2.1 of FSD Circular 4/96, Part XI, the requirement of control and sequence interlocking of fan motor and heating element are stated. Nevertheless, exemptions from the requirements of paragraphs 1.2.4, 1.2.7, 1.2.8 and 1.2.9 as applicable to installation of fan coil units with total rating not exceeding 2 kW as stated in paragraph 1.3.1 are still considered valid.</p> <p>6c. For paragraph 1.2.5 of FSD Circular 4/96, the duct type overheat thermostat shall be provided to switch off the heating elements when the temperature at any measuring point inside the air duct exceeds the temperature of 50` C and within 90 seconds of reaching this temperature.</p>