

Summary of Notes of 71st Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting

(held on 20.04.2023)

2	<p><u>Matters arising from last meeting</u></p>
2.1.	<p><u>Review of Protection Requirements against Fire and Smoke in Protected Areas</u></p> <p>HKRVCA provided the latest schematic diagrams for illustrative examples of typical provisions of fire dampers at compartment walls and fire & smoke dampers at fire-rated ceilings in protected lobbies/areas at different scenarios on 19.4.2023. The diagrams were briefly discussed in this meeting and would be reviewed thoroughly in the coming VILG meeting after issuance of the updated Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating Systems (below item 2.3) in 2023 Q2 (tentatively).</p>
2.2.	<p><u>Compliance Inspection for Ventilating System in Licensed Premises</u></p> <p>FSD advised that according to the recent applications of licensed premises, over one third of applicants referred to the “Guidance Drawing of Ventilating System Compliance Inspection Arrangement in Licensed Premises” in production of their ventilating system drawings. It definitely streamlined the process of compliance inspection of licensed premises. All members were encouraged to keep on promotion with the relevant stakeholders (e.g. ventilation contractor, licensing consultant, applicant, etc.) about guidance drawings as far as practicable.</p>
2.3	<p><u>Review on Part XI, FSD Circular Letter no. 4/96</u></p> <p>FSD advised that the consolidated draft of Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating Systems and Specification of Gas Extraction System for Battery Room and Electrical Charging Facilities were issued to all members for reference in 2023 Q1. The relevant two FSD circular letters would be issued in 2023 Q2 with effective date on 1.9.2023 tentatively.</p>

2.4	<p><u>e-Submission</u></p> <p>FSD briefed that the e-submission of FIVE (5) downloadable forms for Ventilating System would be developed in www.gov.hk (香港政府一站通) with the use of “iAM Smart Plus”. The development would be carried out by 2 stages (I. two AIC forms; II. two Vent/425 forms and Hotel/01 forms). The ventilation installation owners / contractors were encouraged to use the new e-submission channel to VD, even though the traditional submission channel of hard copy would be kept in parallel use.</p>
2.5	<p><u>Updates for Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme</u></p> <p>HKFEMC informed that there was a Q&A in the Legislative Council on 29.3.2023 about the latest updates on Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme. Details could be referred to the relevant press releases in Government webpage.</p>
3.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p>
3.1	<p><u>Demarcation of Licensed Area in Ventilating System Drawing</u></p> <p>In order to minimize unnecessary communication error for assessing inspection scope, FSD advised that the demarcation line for licensed area should be clearly indicated on the ventilating system drawing.</p> <p>Different presentation methods of boundary line for licensed area with their pros and cons were clarified in the meeting. All members were encouraged to share the good practice for clear demarcation of licensed area with the relevant stakeholders.</p>