

Summary of Notes of 72nd Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting

(held on 20.07.2023)

2	<u>Matters arising from last meeting</u>
2.1.	<u>Review of Protection Requirements against Fire and Smoke in Protected Areas</u> HKRVCA incorporated the comments from members and provided the updated drawings of illustrative examples for protection requirements against fire and smoke in protected area in accordance to Section 9 of FSD CL No. 2/2023. The diagrams were reviewed and discussed during the meeting. HKRVCA would further update the drawings as per the discussion and submit to FSD for comments especially on the description of the example drawings in August 2023.
2.2.	<u>FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2023 (Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating Systems)</u> FSD advised that the FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2023 (<i>Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating Systems</i>) and No. 3/2023 (<i>Specification of Gas Extraction System for Battery Room and Electrical Charging Facilities</i>) were issued on 7.6.2023. with effective date on 1.9.2023. FSD informed that there was an enquiry about the use of common non-metallic accessories in MVS, e.g. rubber vibration isolator, fan belt, etc. It was reviewed and discussed against the requirement of no combustible materials in the ductwork and MVS equipment as stated in section 1 of FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2023. Members were invited to explore more technical information and advice from the equipment suppliers, manufacturers, certification laboratories, etc. for further review in next meeting.
2.3	<u>e-Submission</u> FSD advised that the e-submission of FIVE (5) downloadable forms for Ventilating System (two AIC forms, two Vent/425 forms and the Hotel/01 form) were ready in www.gov.hk (香港政府一站通) with the use of “iAM Smart Plus” or e-certificate in July 2023. The ventilation installation owners / contractors were encouraged to use the new e-submission channel to FSD, even though the traditional submission channel of hard copy would be kept in parallel use.

2.4	<p><u>Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme</u></p> <p>FSD advised that the Fire Services (Amendment) Ordinance 2017 was enacted in March 2017 to provide a basis for making subsidiary legislation for the RFE Scheme. The draft subsidiary legislations (<i>Fire Service (Registered Fire Engineers) Regulation</i>) and the draft <i>Code of Practice for Registered Fire Engineers</i> were still under preparation. FSD was seeking comments from the relevant Government Departments, Licensing Authorities, etc. It was anticipated that another round of trade consultation would be commenced by the end of 2023.</p>
3.0	<p><u>AOB</u></p>
3.1	<p><u>Re-organization of Fire Service Installation Division (FSID) and Ventilation Division VD</u></p> <p>FSD informed that the FSID and VD would be re-organised and merged into a new Division, "<i>Fire Protection Engineering Compliance Division</i>" (FPEC) 消防工程合規課 from 1.8.2023 with two sub-groups (<i>Fire Protection Facilities Group</i> (FPFG) 消防設施組 and <i>Ventilating Systems Group</i> (VSG) 通風系統組 to take up the original duty of FSID and VD.</p>