

## Summary of Notes of 73rd Ventilation Installations Liaison Group Meeting

(held on 19.10.2023)

2  2.1.	<p><b><u>Matters arising from last meeting</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Review of Protection Requirements against Fire and Smoke in Protected Areas</u></b></p> <p>HKRVCA provided the updated illustrative examples of protection requirements against fire and smoke in protected area in accordance to Section 9 of FSD CL No. 2/2023 on 14.8.2023 and briefed all members about the updates in the meeting. FSD provided comments on the title and presentation of the examples. HKRVCA would further simplify the examples as per the discussion and provide an updated copy to all members for final comments in Nov 2023.</p> <p>[PMN: HKRVCA provided the simplified example drawings on 11.12.2023.]</p>
2.2.	<p><b><u>FSD Circular Letter No. 2/2023 (Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating Systems)</u></b></p> <p>FSD advised that the FSD Circular Letter (CL) No. 2/2023 (<i>Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating Systems</i>) had been smoothly implemented from 1.9.2023 and it had been incorporated into the Fire Safety Requirements for licensing application. FSD also informed that the following commonly use fire safety requirement and Guide to licensing application of mechanical ventilating systems had also been updated and available in FSD webpage in accordance to the effective of the FSD CL No. 2/2023.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Fire Safety Requirements of Ventilating System for Scheduled Premises</li><li>b. Fire Safety Requirements of Ventilating System for Premises (other than Scheduled Premises)</li><li>c. A Guide to Application of Letter of Compliance for Mechanical Ventilating Systems (Sept 2023)</li></ol> <p>In addition, regarding the enquiry from the trade about the use of common non-metallic accessories in Mechanical Ventilating System (MVS), e.g. rubber vibration isolator, fan belt, etc. FSD advised that the fire safety requirements shall be intended to minimize the ignition sources and combustibility of the elements of the MVS as stipulated in Section 1.1 of FSD CL No. 2/2023. As such, the equipment installed in the MVS including the non-metallic accessories, their materials should not be combustible or they should be protected with metallic or flame-retardant enclosure.</p>

	<p>It was reviewed and discussed about the requirement of no combustible materials in the ductwork and MVS equipment. Members were invited to explore more about the technical property of the rubber vibration isolator, fan belt, etc. by testing of product samples, as well as alternative option of protective guard for them for further review.</p>
2.3	<p><b><u>e-Submission</u></b></p> <p>FSD advised that there was over 20 submissions AIC forms or Vent/425 forms to FSD through electronic channel in www.gov.hk (香港政府一站通) with the use of “iAM Smart Plus” or e-certificate from July to Sept 2023. It was a very good response from the trade upon the e-submission channel. 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.</p>
2.4	<p><b><u>Registered Fire Engineer (RFE) Scheme</u></b></p> <p>FSD advised that 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 in Q4 of 2023.</p>
3.0	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p>
3.1	<p><b><u>FSD Connects for Brief Introduction to FSD CL No. 2/2023 and 3/2023 on 27 Oct 2023</u></b></p> <p>FSD advised that a section of FSD Connects was scheduled on 27.10.2023 for briefing to the trade on the following latest FSD CL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No. 2/2023 Fire Safety Requirements for Mechanical Ventilating Systems</li> <li>b. No. 3/2023 Specification of Gas Extraction System for Battery Room and Electrical Charging Facilities</li> </ol> <p>All members were invited to join the above briefing and encouraged to further share the link of invitation to this FSC Connects with members of their institution and relevant trade parties.</p>