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Question:

With reference to Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)100:

Would the authorities please respond to part 2 of the question regarding “capsule-like accommodation”?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice

Reply:

“Capsule-like accommodation” is not defined under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) (Cap.123). The term is commonly used in the community when referring to domestic units with capsule-like bedspaces for rental.

The Buildings Department (BD) takes enforcement actions against irregularities of building works, including those associated with capsule-like accommodation, in accordance with the BO and its enforcement policy. Where actionable building irregularities are identified in premises with capsule-like accommodation in response to public reports or through large scale operations (LSOs) against sub-divided flats, BD will issue removal orders to the owners concerned and consider instigating prosecution against those who fail to comply with the removal orders. BD does not compile statistics on capsule-like accommodation.

If the operation of capsule-like accommodation falls within the definitions of hotels/guesthouses/bedspace apartments under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) or Bedspace Apartment Ordinance (Cap. 447), the operator should obtain a licence from the Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department.

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