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Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-2022, the Government states that it will “continue to consult stakeholders for implementing a product certification system for materials used in private building developments”. Under this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) the timetable and the parties involved for the consultation mentioned and the release date for the consultation report;
- (b) whether the Government intends to introduce legislation for this certification system; if yes, of the legislative scope, timetable and other related details; if no, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) is preparing a Practice Note for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers (PNAP) for implementing a Product Certification (PC) system for materials used in private development projects under the extant legislative framework, viz. BD will accept the PC as an alternative to the test and assessment reports of the materials for demonstrating compliance with the Buildings Ordinance. The PC system will cover fire rated door and fire rated partition as a start. BD targets to consult stakeholders of the building industry through its established consultation mechanism in the second quarter of 2021 before the promulgation of the PNAP.

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