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To : All Authorized Persons
Registered Structural Engineers
Registered Geotechnical Engineers
Registered Inspectors
Registered General Building Contractors
Registered Specialist Contractors
Registered Minor Works Contractors

Dear Sir/Madam,

GB 5725-2025 “Fall protection – Safety nets”

Practice Note for Registered Contractors 85 (PNRC 85) issued by the Buildings Department in December 2025 sets out the accepted standards of fire retardant performance for protective nets, including GB 5725-2009 “Safety nets”. This letter serves to remind you that as mentioned in PNRC 85, the updated standard of fire retardant performance, GB 5725-2025 “Fall protection – Safety nets”, will come into effect on 1 September 2026, superseding the previous standard of GB 5725-2009 “Safety nets”.

2. For the protective nets procured that are manufactured in accordance with the GB 5725-2009 or GB 5725-2025 standard of fire retardant performance, please note the following from 1 September 2026 onwards:

- (a) Registered contractors (RCs) should verify and confirm the date of manufacture (i.e. before or after 1 September 2026) of the protective nets procured so that the appropriate testing standard will be adopted when conducting the required sampling test under paragraph 6 of PNRC 85; and
- (b) RCs should also provide the designated laboratory with (i) the date of manufacture and (ii) the manufacturing method (applicable to the protective nets manufactured in accordance with the GB 5725-2025 standard of fire retardant performance, i.e. 拉絲經編/浸漬塗覆/絞合編織) of the protective nets as obtained from the supplier/manufacture so that the appropriate testing standard will be adopted in conducting the test.

Yours faithfully,



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