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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,

### Amendments to the Technical Guidelines on Minor Works Control System

The Building (Minor Works) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 (Amendment Regulation) came into operation on 1 September 2020 to extend the coverage of the Minor Works Control System to more small-scale building works so as to bring greater convenience to the public and facilitation to the industry.

2. The Amendment Regulation involves the addition of 70 minor works (MW) items offset by the repealing of nine MW items. As a result, the list of MW items increases from 126 to 187. The descriptions of 56 existing MW items are also amended. Regarding designated exempted works items, the number is increased from 15 to 30, while the descriptions of eight existing items are amended. Type H MW in relation to building works involving the ventilation system is added. The corresponding amendments to the Technical Guidelines on Minor Works Control System (Technical Guidelines) have been made as follows:

- (a) Section 3 on Categorisation of MW has been updated and recast;
- (b) Appendix VII on Recommended Design and Details for Classes II & III MW has been updated. Opportunity has been taken to update the recommended design and details of some existing MW items not affected by the Amendment Regulation; and
- (c) Appendix X on Window or Window Wall Acting as a Protective Barrier is added.

3. The amendments have been uploaded to Buildings Department website [www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk) under the “Codes, design manuals and guidelines” page of the “Resources” section. The 2021 edition of the Technical Guidelines is under preparation and will be issued in due course.

Yours faithfully,



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