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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,

**The Code of Practice of Dead and Imposed Loads 2011  
Amendments**

To keep in pace with the development of the building industry and to meet the changing needs of users of the Code of practice for Dead and Imposed Loads 2011 (the Code), some requirements of the Code have been reviewed and amendments have been made. Please note that the amendments of the Code come into operation with immediate effect from the date of this letter, except for amendment submissions where approval for building plans with the original design adopting previous requirements of the Code has been given.

The amendments have been uploaded to the website of BD at [www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk) and will also be incorporated in future edition of the Code.

Yours faithfully,



( LEE Yun-choi )

Assistant Director / New Buildings 2  
for Building Authority

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