

26 September 2011

To: All Authorized Persons
All Registered Structural Engineers
All Registered Geotechnical Engineers
All Registered General Building Contractors and
All Registered Specialist Contractors

Dear Sir/Madam,

Inspection of Fire Dampers before Application for Occupation Permit

Further to my letter to you of 24 September 2010 introducing a Trial Inspection Scheme (the "Scheme") for the inspection of fire dampers installed in new buildings, applications for inspection of fire dampers have been received since December 2010. Up to now, we have collected the inspection results of a number of buildings and consider that the information so collected is adequate for us to conduct a review on the standard of installation of fire dampers in new buildings. With the review we would draw up measures as may be necessary to ensure the relevant requirements of the Code of Practice for Fire Resisting Construction 1996 are fully observed. In view of the above, I would like to advise you that the Scheme will cease operation with effect from 1 October 2011. For avoidance of doubt, any applications for an occupation permit/temporary occupation permit received on or before 30 September 2011 would still be subject to the Scheme.

Yours faithfully,



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for Building Authority