

**Places of Public Entertainment (Amendment) Regulation 1996
and Associated Legislative Amendments**

The Places of Public Entertainment (Amendment) Regulation 1996, which came into operation on 28.6.96, revises the principal Regulation by removing most of the safety requirements to other Ordinances/Regulations. The amended Regulation now focusses on licensing procedures.

2. Matters concerning the design, planning and construction of places of public entertainment in the principal Regulation have been transferred to the following:-

(a) **Building (Construction) (Amendment) Regulation 1996**

This Regulation introduces a definition of “cinema” as well as provisions to regulate the construction of protective barriers provided at the outer edge of any upper tier in a place of public entertainment.

(b) **Building (Planning) (Amendment) Regulation 1996**

This Regulation adds a new Part VIA to regulate the situation, planning, design and other matters relevant to a place of public entertainment.

(c) **Code of Practice for the Provision of Means of Escape in Case of Fire 1996 (MOE Code)**

Part III of the Code contains requirements on means of escape for places of public entertainment. These requirements are transferred from the repealed Places of Public Entertainment Regulations. Part of the content of Practice Note for Authorized Persons 54 has also been incorporated in the Code.

3. The Places of Public Entertainment (Amendment) Regulation 1996 and associated legislative amendments as mentioned in paragraphs 2(a) and (b) above and Part III of the MOE Code apply to building works in accordance with Buildings Ordinance section 39(2). By virtue of section 39(2), these Regulations and Part III of MOE Code do not apply to building works which are being carried out or have been consented to commence on or before 28.6.96.

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4. A practice note for the revised MOE Code will be issued separately.

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