Buildings Department

Practice Note for Authorized Persons and Registered Structural Engineers

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Building (Planning) Regulations 41A, 41B and 41C Means of Access for Firefighting and Rescue in Buildings

Building (Planning)(Amendment) Regulation 1995 amends the requirements on means of access for firefighting and rescue in buildings.

Revised Requirements

- 2. Regulation 41B is revised to ensure that fireman's lifts shall be so designed and located that, in the event of a fire, firemen can have safe and unobstructed access to lifts and to the floors served by the lifts.
- 3. Regulation 41C is also revised to allow firemen to make better use of all facilities in a Firefighting and Rescue Stairway (FRS) in case of fire. In future, only fireman's lifts are to be installed in a FRS and the access stairway in a FRS shall serve all floors of a building.

Application

4. The Amendment Regulation applies to building works in accordance with Buildings Ordinance section 39. By virtue of section 39(2), the Regulation does not apply to building works which are being carried out or have been consented to commence on or before 22 May 1995.

Code of Practice

5. The Code of Practice for Means of Access for Firefighting and Rescue has been revised in the light of the Amendment Regulation. The revised Code is available for sale at the Government Publications Sales Centre.

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