

**Fire Resisting Construction
Kitchens in Restaurants**

A kitchen in a restaurant may be regarded as ancillary accommodation to the restaurant for the purpose of assessing the fire resisting construction requirements. Such kitchen, for the purpose of Part XV of the Building (Construction) Regulations, should comply with the following requirements :

- (a) The kitchen should be enclosed by walls having an FRP of not less than 1 hour and any opening in the enclosure should be defended by a door having an FRP of not less than 1/2 hour; and
- (b) A protected lobby should be provided between each door of the kitchen and
 - any escape route from the main building; and/or
 - the dining area of the restaurant where the kitchen has a usable floor area exceeding 45 m² and the door opens onto an exit route of the dining area.

2. Subject to compliance of para. 17.1 of the Code of Practice for Fire Resisting Construction (FRC Code), hold-open device for the doors of the kitchen may be installed.

3. The requirements in para. 1 above will be incorporated in the next edition of the FRC Code. In the meantime, para. 6 of the Code may be taken with the benefit of the clarification given in this practice note.



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