16 August 2011

All Registered Lift Contractors and Engineers

Dear Sirs,

**Circular No. 15/2011**

**Amendment of Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators - Requirement to Handle Unintended Lift Car Movements**

Noting that the new requirements for unintended lift car movement protection (UCMP) promulgated in the Circular No. 14/2010 shall come into effect to all new installations of lifts with tendering date on or after 1 September 2011. As some notified bodies in European countries and mainland China such as BSI, TUV and Shenzhen Institute of Special Equipment Inspection and Test, etc. are not readily available to conduct the UCMP test and issue the type-examination certificate.

With such condition, the type test to the requirements of Annex F.8 of EN81-1, or other relevant international standards stipulated in Clause 5.14.7 shall be postponed and **grace period will be extended to 1 June 2012**.

Apart from the **type test requirement for the UCMP**, other requirements for the provisions of UCMP stipulated in the Circular No. 14/2010 remains unchanged and shall come into effective as **from 1 September 2011**. The new requirements shall be applicable to lifts with tendering date on or after **1 September 2011**.

Yours faithfully,

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