29 April 2009

All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 7/2009  
Amendment of Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works  
Deployment of Two Workers to Attend Lift Passenger Entrapment Calls

With a view to enhancing the efficiency in releasing passengers from the lift car in entrapment cases, the Working Group for Improvement of Lift Safety, with members representing registered contractors, the Lift and Escalator Contractors Association, the Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited, the Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees, and the department, agreed on 28 April 2009 that registered lift contractors should deploy two lift workers to attend lift passenger entrapment calls. Registered lift contractors should therefore arrange two lift workers to attend lift passenger entrapment cases when such calls are received.

Pursuant to section 27G of the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance, the Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works (2002 Edition) is hereby amended by incorporating the new requirements. The changes are detailed in Amendment 6 to the Code of Practice for Lift Works and Escalator Works, a copy of which is attached herewith for your reference. The Chinese translation of Amendment 6 is also attached.
A transitional period is allowed for registered contractors to take actions to satisfy the requirements in the Amendment. Registered contractors should note that regulatory actions for non-compliance with the requirements will be taken following the expiry of the transitional period (ending 31 May 2009).

Yours faithfully,

(George LING)
for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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c.c. The Director of the Architectural Services Department (Attn.: CBSE/2)
    The Director of Buildings
    The Director of Housing (Attn.: SM/QM)
    The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association
    The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited
    The International Association of Elevator Engineers
    The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees
Code of Practice  
For Lift Works and Escalator Works  
(2002 Edition)

Amendment No. 6  
Handling Lift Breakdown Calls  
(Effective 1 June 2009)

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In attending a lift breakdown call, the registered lift contractor and its lift workers shall check whether there is any passenger trapped inside the stalled lift. They shall ascertain that no passenger is trapped inside the lift, by physical inspection of the interior of the lift car, before leaving the scene. Upon receipt of a passenger entrapment call, the registered lift contractor shall deploy two or more lift workers to attend the scene to release the passengers trapped in the lift.

At least one of the workers attending the above mentioned fault calls shall be a competent worker and he shall record the actions taken in the log book before he leaves the scene.

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修訂第6號
處理升降機的故障召喚
(由二零零九年六月一日起生效)

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1. C節 | 第 4.3.2 項 | 以下文取代第 4.3.2 項:

“4.3.2 處理升降機的故障召喚

處理升降機故障召喚時，註冊升降機承建商及其升降機工人必須檢查停頓升降機內是否有任何乘客受困。在離開現場前，他們必須實際視察升降機機廂內部，以確定並無乘客困於升降機內。當接到升降機困人故障召喚時，註冊升降機承建商須安排兩名或以上升降機工人前往現場，將受困於升降機的乘客救出。

上述處理升降機故障的工作，須由不少于一名合資格的升降機工人進行，而他在離開現場前，必須將有關資料記錄在工作日誌內。”