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All Registered Lift & Escalator Contractors  
All Registered Lift & Escalator Engineers

Dear Sirs,

**Circular No. 10/99**  
**Code of Practice on the Examination, Testing and Maintenance**  
**of Lifts and Escalators (1996 Edition)**  
**Amendment No. 3**

Pursuant to sections 19, 20 and 21 of the Lifts and Escalators (Safety)(Amendment) Ordinance 1999 (the Amending Ordinance), the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327) has been amended by repealing sections 19(2), 20(3) and 23(3) so that the requirements of major alteration and periodic maintenance, examination and testing on service lifts are the same as other lifts.

The changes in periodic maintenance requirement of service lifts have been reflected in the Amendment No. 3 of the Code of Practice on the Examination, Testing and Maintenance of Lifts & Escalators (1996 Edition)(the Code) which is attached for your retention. In line with the commencement of the Amending Ordinance, the requirements in the Amendment No. 3 of the Code shall come into operation on 17 June 1999.

Furthermore, please also be reminded of the following:

1. Submission of Form 5 for new service lifts installed on or after 17.6.1999.
2. Submission of Form 7 for major alteration of service lifts carried out on or after 17.6.1999.
3. Periodic testing of the safety equipment of service lifts when the next periodic examination is carried out on or after 17.6.1999.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services

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**AMENDMENT No. 3**  
Periodic Maintenance for Service Lifts  
(Effective as from 17 June 1999)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Clause</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Section C Clause 4.1	Replace - "To satisfy Section 27C(b) of the Ordinance, proper maintenance is required to be carried out by a registered lift contractor to a service lift at intervals not exceeding five weeks." by - "To satisfy Section 27C(b) of the Ordinance, proper maintenance is required to be carried out by a registered lift contractor to a service lift installed before 17.6.1999 at intervals not exceeding five weeks. On or after 17.6.2000, maintenance service to any service lifts shall be carried out at intervals not exceeding one month."