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

Dear Sirs,

**Circular No. 9/99**  
**Commencement of Lifts and Escalators (Safety)(Amendment) Ordinance 1999**

The commencement notice of the Lifts and Escalators (Safety)(Amendment) Ordinance 1999 (the Amending Ordinance) was published in the Gazette (L.N. 118 of 1999 in L.S. No. 2 to Gazette No. 18/1999) on 26 April 1999. The Amending Ordinance shall come into operation on 17 June 1999 except:

- (i) sections 24, 27 and 31 of the Amending Ordinance (for repealing the previous maintenance requirements of service lifts installed before 17 June 1999) which shall come into operation on 17 June 2000; and
- (ii) section 5(c) and (d) of the Amending Ordinance (for repealing registration of lift engineers and escalator engineers on the merits of 10 years' practical experience only) which shall come into operation on 17 June 2000.

Furthermore, please also be reminded to submit the prescribed fee(s) in accordance with the Lifts and Escalators (Safety)(Fees) Regulation together with the application form(s) when:

- 1. applying for inclusion in the register of lift and/or register of escalator engineers.
- 2. applying for inclusion in the register of lift contractors and/or register of escalator contractors.

Yours faithfully,

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