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To: All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors/Engineers

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 7/2010

Lifts and Escalators to be Made Ready for Testing and Examination

From time to time, this department would select randomly from the schedule of examination/test reported to the e-platform to conduct audit inspection with an aim to monitoring the performance of the Registered Contractors/Engineers.

In an audit inspection, our inspector witnessed an overspeed governor test carried out by a Registered Lift Engineer. In the test, the overspeed governor failed to operate and PM points were accorded to the account of the Registered Lift Contractor responsible for the maintenance of the lift. Subsequently, the Registered Lift Contractor lodged an appeal against the PM points and argued that the test was simply maintenance activities and no PM point should be accorded in the case.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors have the obligation to maintain the installations under their maintenance in good working order in any time. I would also like to draw your attention that all the examinations/tests reported to the e-platform are deemed to be examinations/tests required by sections 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance.

In order to avoid confusion, a new reminding system, which would become effective on 17 February 2010, would be incorporated into the e-platform by adding a new column entitled "the lift/escalator will be made ready for examination and testing". Unless the lift/escalator concerned has been made ready for the examination/test and the bullet in the new column is checked, the schedule could not be saved to the e-platform.

Should you have any queries regarding the new reminding system, please contact our inspector at 2808 3243.

Yours faithfully,



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The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Ltd
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