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All Registered Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 23/99
Escalators with Adjacent Shutter Gate(s)

Recently, there was an escalator incident involving a shutter gate installed adjacent to an escalator. In the incident, an escalator was still in operation when the shutter gate closed. As a result, several escalator passengers were trapped.

In view of the above incident, I should be grateful if you would carry out a thorough checking as soon as possible on all escalators, under your maintenance, with adjacent shutter gates to ensure that the operation of the escalator would be stopped automatically whenever the shutter gate is closed, or starts to close, as stipulated in Clause 1.2.6, Section E, Part 4 of the Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators.

Should the required interlock function has not been provided, you should liaise with the escalator owner, or other relevant parties, for the provision of the interlock function. Please also provide me with a full list of the escalator without the said interlock functions, under your maintenance, including location, EMSD location number and escalator number by end December 1999. Nil return is required.

Yours faithfully,

(G M W CHUI)
for Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services

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Hong Kong Union of Lift and Escalator Employees