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All Registered Lift Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 9/95
Landing Door Lock Bridging Device

A landing door lock bridging control station provided in the machine room is a current requirement in the Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators issued by this Department. As you are aware, a suitable bridging device can make sure that the landing door lock safety circuits are bypassed only during inspection mode of operation. The normal operation of the lift cannot be resumed until the safety circuits are rendered effective.

It is noted that a lot of the existing lift installations are not yet equipped with such a safety provision. I have to emphasize that a landing door lock bridging control station provided according to the requirements in the Code of Practice is considered essential in enhancing lift safety and you are urged to arrange such a device to be fitted to all the lifts under your maintenance. In any case, the use of jumper for short-circuiting the landing door lock safety circuit should be avoided and the simultaneous bypass of both car door lock and landing door lock is strictly forbidden.

Your cooperation and concerted effort in enhancing safety will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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