

**Minutes of the 24th Meeting of
the Electrical Safety Advisory Committee (ESAC)**

Date : 30 March 2012
Time : 2:00 p.m.
Venue: Room 7102, EMSD Headquarters, 3 Kai Shing Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Present

Mr. LEUNG Chi-ming, Joseph (Chairman)
Mr. CHAN Fan
Ms. WAN Siu-ling, Emily
Mr. CHAI Ngai-chiu, Sunny
Mr. MAK Chi-leung
Mr. CHAN Loong, Geoffrey
Professor CHAU Kwok-tong
Dr. LO Wai-chau, Edward
Professor HUI Shu-yuen, Ron
Mr. CHUNG Fuk-wai, Simon
Mr. LOK Tat-hong, Howard
Mr. NG Kai-hung
Mr. WAT Hon-keung
Mr. CHIU Kwing-shing
Mr. KWU Hon-keung
Mr. CHAN Shui-ching (Secretary)

In attendance

Mr. SIT Wing-hang, Alfred	Deputy Director/Regulatory Services, EMSD
Mr. LI Kwok-keung	Assistant Director/Electricity & Energy Efficiency, EMSD
Mr. HO Wing-yiu	Chief E&M Engineer/Electricity Legislation, EMSD
Mr. CHAN Kar-keung, Steve	E&M Engineer, EMSD
Mr. NG Hin-yeung, Kenneth	E&M Engineer, EMSD
Mr. NG Chi-shing, Senna	E&M Engineer, EMSD

Absent with Apologies

Dr. WONG Toi-ling, Louisa
Mr. HO Wah, Kenneth
Mr. CHAN Sing-kit, Simon

Agenda Item1: Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman welcomed members to the 24th meeting of the Electrical Safety Advisory Committee (ESAC).
2. The Chairman reminded members that they should follow the guidelines on declaration of interests for members of public councils, boards and committees. Any member on becoming aware of a conflict of interest arising from his/her participating in the discussion of an agenda item must disclose the full details of any such interest to be recorded in the minutes of meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of minutes of the 23rd meeting held on 28 September 2011

3. Members did not raise any amendment to the minutes of the 23rd meeting. The Chairman declared the minutes of the 23rd meeting confirmed.

Agenda Item 3: Overview of Electrical Safety in 2011 (ESAC Paper 1/2012)

4. EMSD briefed members on the above paper, which gave an overview of the enforcement and publicity activities on electrical safety in Hong Kong in 2011.
5. Members made no comment on ESAC Paper 1/2012.

Agenda Item 4: Analysis of Reports of Safety Issues Related to Consumer Electrical Installations (ESAC Paper 2/2012)

6. EMSD briefed members on the above paper covering the safety reports on consumer electrical installations received by the department in 2011, subdivided into different categories, with analysis of subject nature and follow-up actions taken.
7. The Chairman agreed that the prosecution actions taken by the department against the carrying out of electrical work by non-registered persons could enhance the deterrent effect and hence protect the safety of the public.
8. EMSD added that apart from prosecution, disciplinary action would be taken against registered electrical workers and registered electrical contractors for non-compliance with the Code of Practice for the Electricity (Wiring) Regulations.
9. A member enquired whether the department would establish a correlation between the number of inspections and the number of report cases.

10. EMSD responded that while owners of electrical installations in buildings had to arrange inspection for their installations by a registered electrical contractor once every five years, checks on these inspections would be arranged by the department to ensure their quality. Furthermore, the department would also arrange special inspections for electrical installations with higher potential risks. Reports made by members of the public also served as a reference for the department in prioritising its inspections.
11. A member enquired whether the department had liaised with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to strengthen regulation on the electrical safety of temporary stalls.
12. EMSD responded that FEHD might find some unsafe electrical installations during inspection of stalls and restaurants, which it would refer to the department for follow up. In addition, after the fire accident at Fa Yuen Street, Mongkok in 2011, the department had collaborated with FEHD to carry out detailed inspections to all the streets with stalls in the territory, and had urged the owners of unsafe installations to make improvements.
13. Members made no further comment on ESAC Paper 2/2012.

Agenda Item 5: APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEMRA) (ESAC Paper 3/2012)

14. EMSD briefed members on the above paper which provided a brief introduction of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the scope of the APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEMRA), as well as a brief account of EMSD's participation in the EEMRA.
15. Members made no comment on ESAC Paper 3/2012.

Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

16. No other business was raised by members.
17. Since this was the last meeting before the expiry of the current term of the Committee, Mr. CHAN Fan, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, thanked all members on behalf of the department for their contribution to the enhancement of electrical safety, especially the outgoing Chairman, Mr. LEUNG Chi-ming, and the following members: Mr. NG Kai-hung, Mr. HO Wah, Professor CHAU Kwok-tong, Professor HUI Shu-yuen, Mr. CHIU Kwing-shing, Mr. KWU Hon-keung, Mr. CHAN Sing-kit and Dr. WONG Toi-ling.
18. The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.

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