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All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors
All Registered Lift/Escalator Engineers

Dear Sirs,

Preparation for Full Operation of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618)

This letter summarizes the major preparatory work in connection with the coming into full operation of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (“the LEO”) we briefed the trade about on 30 October 2012. A copy of the slides used in the briefing session is attached in **Appendix I**.

Timely distribution of F11s/F12s

We observe that safety certificates (F11s/F12s) which have been endorsed and issued would need to take quite some time before they would be displayed at the lifts/escalators. RCs are requested to streamline their workflow and provide necessary assistance to responsible persons (“RPs”) for lifts/escalators to shorten the time for distribution and replacement of endorsed safety certificates.

Notice signifying that lifts/escalators have been examined

Although the offence provisions (items a, b, c, d, e, and f of LN 166 of 2012 – see **Appendix I**) relating to the display of valid use permit are to take effect commencing from 2 April 2013, REs are recommended to attach a sticker, following satisfactory examination of a lift/escalator, to the existing safety certificate of the lift/escalator stating that the periodic examination for the lift/escalator executed on **dd/mm/yy** (the date the examination completes) has confirmed the safe working of the lift/escalator and application for endorsement of the safety certificate / use permit is underway. REs’ cooperation to affix the sticker will provide assurance to the users and eliminate unnecessary enquiries to the property management agencies, the

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RCs, and the government hotline before the day on which the aforesaid offence provisions take effect.

Advancing the carrying out of periodic examinations

Commencing from the full operation of the LEO, periodic examination of lifts/escalators can be advanced for up to two months without wasting the validity of the existing safety certificate. Sections 27(2) and 57(2) of the LEO refer.

RCs are requested to plan for advancing examinations of lifts/escalators with certificates due to expire on 17 February 2013 and onwards. By so doing, RCs will have spare the time slot in February/March 2013 to carry out examinations further down the timeline, allowing sufficient time for acquiring a valid use permit for the lifts/escalators concerned before commencement of the respective offence provisions (see **Appendix I**).

A separate notice will be issued to the RPs for lifts/escalators, with certificates due to expire in the period from 17 February to 1 April 2013, to inform them the purposes for advancing lift/escalator examinations.

Repeal of the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327)

The Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance is to be repealed on 17 December 2012. The safety of lifts/escalators will then be subjected to the regulatory control of the LEO. Commencing from 17 December 2012, relevant application items should be accompanied by the fee prescribed in the Lifts and Escalators (Fees) Regulation, Cap. 618B.

If you have any question concerning the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact the Lifts and Escalators Sub-Division, EMSD, on telephone number 2808 3121.

Please kindly distribute this letter or have it posted in the notice board for reference of relevant personnel within your organizations.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Encl.

c.c. The Lifts and Escalator Contractor Association
The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited



Commencement Schedule

Full Operation of the LEO – 17 December 2012

- The Lifts and Escalators (General) Regulation, Cap. 618A
- The Lifts and Escalators (Fees) Regulation, Cap. 618B
- The provisions of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance, *other than the following*, which have not yet commenced:
 - a. section 9(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 9(2));
 - b. section 13(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 13(2));
 - c. section 39(3);
 - d. section 43(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 43(2));
 - e. section 45(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 45(2));
 - f. section 69(2);
 - g. sections 8(2), 9(2), 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of Schedule 16.

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Commencement Schedule

Full Operation of the LEO – 2 April 2013

The following provisions of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance will come into operation:

- a. section 9(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 9(2));
- b. section 13(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 13(2));
- c. section 39(3);
- d. section 43(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 43(2));
- e. section 45(4) (in so far as it relates to [the contravention](#) of section 45(2));
- f. section 69(2).

- g. sections 8(2), 9(2), 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 of Schedule 16.*

These provisions are to be brought into operation by separate commencement notices some time in the future.



Commencement Schedule

Preliminary Stage of Operation of the LEO – 3 July 2012

The following provisions of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance have already come into operation:

- a. sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7;
- b. Division 1 of Part 4; *[sections 72 and 73]*
- c. Sections 123, 124, 125, 145, 146, 149, 153, 154 and 155.

- *The Director has been appointed to be the Registrar under the LEO with effect from 26 September 2012*
- *Arrangements are being made to issue*
 - *the Design Code and the Works Code (Nov 2012)*
 - *the respective specified forms (Nov / Dec 2012)*



Full Operation of the LEO

Close to **17 December 2012**

- ❑ Streamline work flow for submissions of F11s/F12s
- ❑ Registration details of RCs/REs
- ❑ Issue of registration certificates / cards

17 December 2012 and onwards

- ❑ Repeal of Cap. 327
- ❑ Pay new **fees** according to the Fees Regulation, Cap. 618B
- ❑ Use new **specified forms** for notifications, applications, reporting, etc.
- ❑ Prepare for the need to accommodate extra **examinations** (17 December 2012 – 1 April 2013)
- ❑ Registration of RWs
- ❑ Carry **registration cards** (REs/RWs) (*s14/16/28/30 of General Reg.*)
- ❑ Report cessation/termination of employment of REs/RWs (*s10/24 of General Reg.*)



Full Operation of the LEO

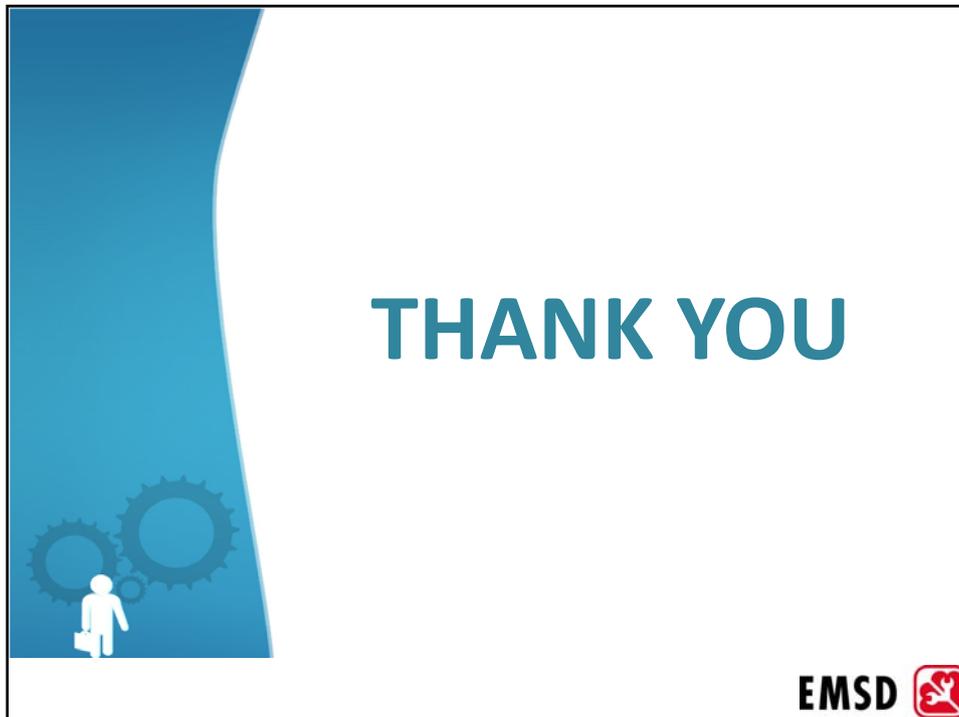
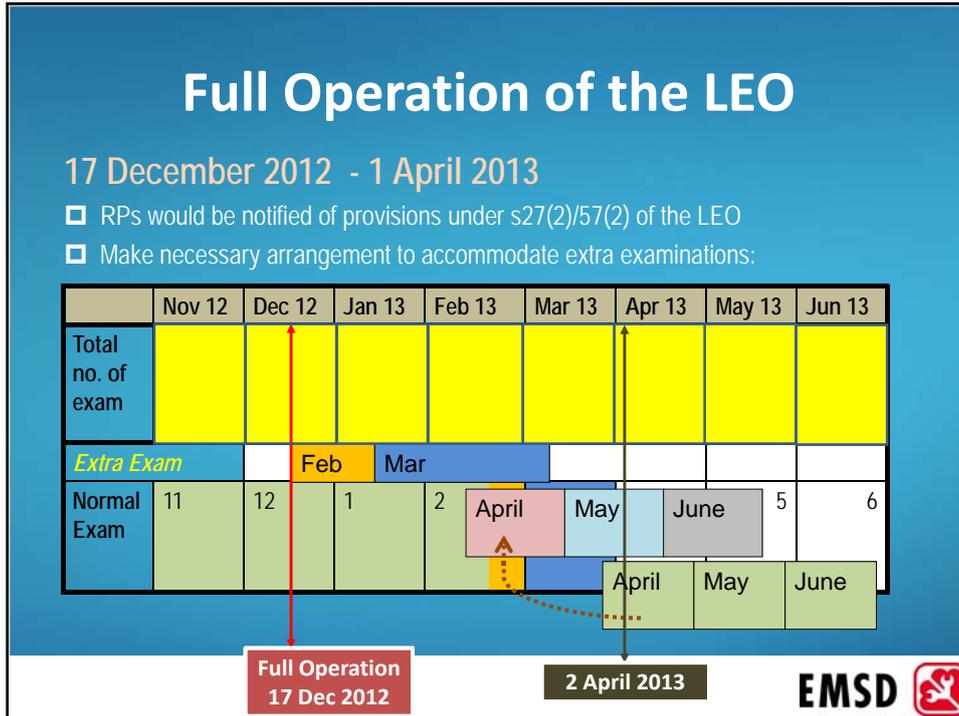
Close to **17 December 2012 (until 2 April 2013)**

Notice signifying that the **periodic examination** of a lift/escalator has been carried out:

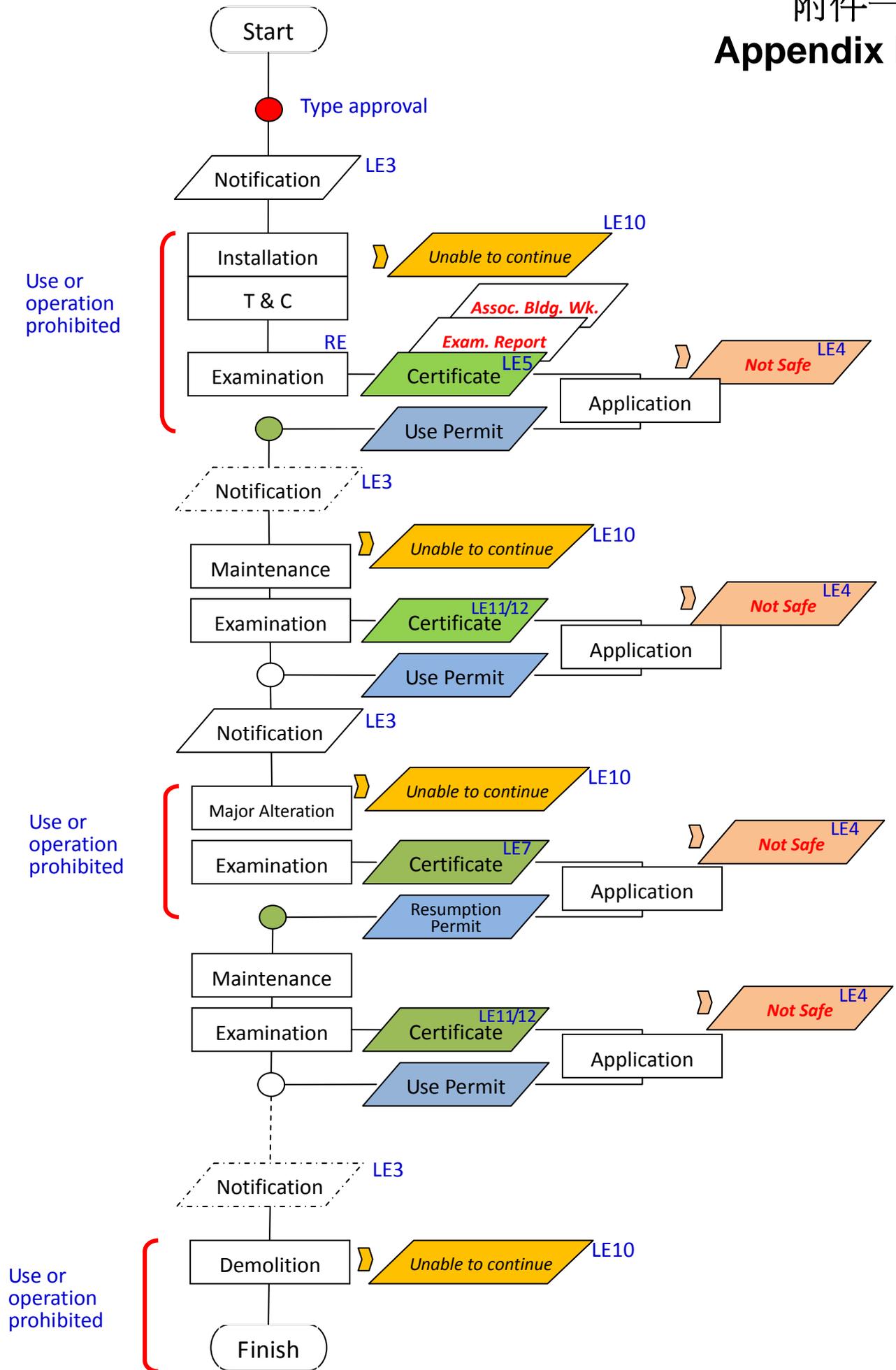
- Periodic examinations of lifts/escalators
- Having confirmed lift/escalator to be in safe working order
- Before replacement is to be made, attach a sticker to the current lift/escalator certificate stating that –

*The lift / escalator has been examined on **dd/mm/yy** to be in safe working order and endorsement of the safety certificate / application for use permit is being made.*





附件一 Appendix I



Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Commencement) (No. 3) Notice 2012

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L.N. 166 of 2012

**Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Commencement) (No. 3)
Notice 2012**

Under section 1(2) of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (8 of 2012), I appoint 2 April 2013 as the day on which the following provisions of the Ordinance come into operation—

- (a) section 9(4) (in so far as it relates to the contravention of section 9(2));
- (b) section 13(4) (in so far as it relates to the contravention of section 13(2));
- (c) section 39(3);
- (d) section 43(4) (in so far as it relates to the contravention of section 43(2));
- (e) section 45(4) (in so far as it relates to the contravention of section 45(2));
- (f) section 69(2).

Paul CHAN Mo-po
Secretary for Development

9 October 2012