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To: All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors and Engineers

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 09/2012
Type Approval of Lifts and Escalators and Safety Components

Further to the briefing delivered to registered contractors on the requirements for Lifts and Escalators Ordinance, “Code of Practice for Lifts Works and Escalators Works” and “Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators” on 30 October 2012, we write to clarify the compatibility requirements between the lifts/escalators and their safety components.

If there is any material change in the design and construction of a lift, an escalator or its safety component (including any extension of their operating ranges) after type approval has been granted, the Registered Contractor (RC) are obliged to notify the Director of the changes and apply for a re-appraisal of the type approval. Following the re-appraisal, the Director will update the type approval for the lift, the escalator, or its safety components to the RC.

If there is any addition/deletion to the list of safety components to be installed with a lift / an escalator after type approval has been granted in respect of that lift/escalator and its list of associated safety components, the RC are obliged to notify the Director of the changes and to apply for the type approval by submitting a declaration document from the manufacturer of lift/escalator to prove that the new safety component is compatible with the lift/escalator system, and submitting a type-examination certificate of the concerned safety component for application of type approval.

The RC responsible for installation of a safety component to an existing lift/escalator should ensure that the safety component has been type-approved for that particular lift/escalator. If not, the RC are obliged to apply to the Director for the type approval of the safety component for such installation by submitting a declaration document from a manufacturer of lift/escalator to prove that the new safety component is compatible with the concerned lift/escalator, submitting a type-examination certificate of the concerned
safety component for application of type approval and providing technical support from the lift/escalator manufacture to the RC.

If you have any further queries, please contact our Mr Gordon NG on telephone 2808 3115.

Yours faithfully,

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