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To: All Registered Lift Engineers/Registered Escalator Engineers and
All Registered Lift Contractors/Registered Escalator Contractors

Dear Sirs,

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Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators (2019 Edition)

With a view to updating the Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Lifts and Escalators (Design Code) to align the local design requirements with those of the latest international standard, the approval of the new edition of the Design Code and its effective date is gazetted today.

This new edition of the Design Code has adopted a majority of the contents of standard EN81-20:2014 with latest design requirements to enhance the accessibility, safety and comfort level of new lift installations, providing extra safeguards for passenger/worker safety. The new edition of the Design Code is also meant to facilitate lift manufacturers to supply compatible lifts/safety components more readily, attributable to greater operational efficiency and competition. The amendments/deviations from EN81-20:2014 to suit the local requirements have been set out in Appendix II of the Design Code for ease of reference.

All the updated information of the Design Code including the Gazette Notice can be found in the following web page:

http://www.emsd.gov.hk/en/lifts_and_escalators_safety/publications/code_of_practice/index.html

The new Design Code will be available for purchase at the Publications Sales Unit of the Information Services from end September 2019. In the meantime, a copy of the Design Code (2019 Edition) can be inspected at the General Legislation Division, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department during normal office hours.

Yours faithfully,



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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

- c.c. The Director of Housing (Attn: SM/QM)
- The Director of Buildings
- Director of Architectural Services (Attn: CBSE/2)
- The Commissioner for Labour
- Director of Fire Services
- The Lift and Escalator Contractors Association
- The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited
- The International Association of Elevator Engineers (HK-China Branch)
- The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employers