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To: All Registered Lift Contractors

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 8/2018

Guidelines on Installation of Lift and Safety Components in compliance with EN81-20&50:2014 (1st stage of implementation)

This circular calls for attention to the first stage of implementation of the requirements for compliance with EN81-20&50 and withdrawal of EN81-1 and EN81-2 as per Circular No. 12/2017 which will come into effect soon.

The first stage of implementation of the above-mentioned requirements for type approval of lift and safety components will come into effect on 1 September 2018. For a new model of safety component which will be used in a lift after the effective date, a type approval showing its compliance with EN81-20&50 under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance Cap 618 (Ordinance) for electric lifts and hydraulic lifts shall be obtained. In other words, a new model of safety component holding EN81-1/2+A3:2009 or older certificate will no longer be acceptable.

For a type-approved component in compliance with EN81-20&50, its certificate identity shall be marked with a superscripted 2 listed in Appendix I in the Approve-in-Principle (AIP) letter.

The next stage of implementation of the above-mentioned requirements for an existing model of safety component, which has already been type-approved and will be used other than for replacement of identical components in existing lifts, will come into effect on 1 September 2019. After that date, a type-examination certificate showing its compliance with EN81-20&50 should be submitted for approval, i.e. only certificate identity marked with a superscripted 2 listed in Appendix I shall be installed or added on a new or existing lift. The RC responsible for installation of a safety component to a new or an existing lift should ensure that the safety component has been type-approved for that particular lift. Failing to seek for such approval prior to the commencement of installation of the safety components or safety component to be used for major alterations could contravene Section 16 of the Ordinance.

You are also reminded that a type-examination certificate submitted for type approval under the Ordinance should be accompanied by a test report or test assessment prepared by the testing institute to substantiate the certification.

You should also allow sufficient time for processing, with due consideration to the number of applications and documents that need to be processed, updated and approved.

Should you have any enquiry on this Circular, please contact our engineer Mr. Kaiser CHEUNG at 3757 6120.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cheung Kim-ching', written in a cursive style.

(Cheung Kim-ching)

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