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Dear Sirs

CHECKLIST FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INSTALLATIONS

FSSD has recently drawn up a checklist for hazardous materials installations to serve as an aide-memoir for QP and RI for the design and inspection purposes. However, the checklist is not all inclusive and as such the designer is advised to adhere to the relevant codes of practices to ensure full compliance.

- 2. The draft checklist has been presented for discussion in the bi-monthly FSSD Standing Committee meetings and the finalised version is attached herewith.
- 3. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board. The circular is also available in the CORENET e-info: http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo.
- 4. For inquiry or clarification, please contact Cpt Han Fook Kuang at tel. no.: 68481467 (e-mail : Fook Kuang Han@scdf.gov.sq).

Yours faithfully (transmitted via e-mail)

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Checklist for Hazardous Materials Installations

This checklist simply highlights some critical items stipulated in the guidelines and standards mainly are the provision of ventilation, separation, containment, fire protection system, caution label and warning sign etc. Where appropriate, one may add to this checklist to enhance further as this is not an all-inclusive checklist.

This checklist has been compiled to assist QP and RI to design and inspect for projects regarding the storage and use of hazardous materials. The use of it does not necessarily assure full compliance with all rules and requirements.

In general, QP and RI are to make sure the proposed hazardous materials installation do not obstruct fire alarm boxes, sprinkler system controls, sprinkler heads, fire extinguishers, first-aid equipment, lights, and electric switches. All exits and aisles must be kept clear at all times and shall be appropriately marked. "No Smoking" signs shall be posted where necessary throughout the warehouses and premises which involve the storage and handling.

Inspected by:		
Name:	Date:	-
Location of Inspection:		

(A) Outdoor Storage Tank

Please cross the box if the listed item is provided and comply with			
		Provided and	Remarks/Comments
		Comply With	
\boldsymbol{A}	Separation Distance		
1	Tank to Tank	Yes □	Comments:
		No □	
		NA □	
2	Tank to boundary line	Yes □	Comments:
		No □	
		NA □	
3	Tank to bundwall	Yes □	Comments:
		No □	
		NA □	
4	Tank to building	Yes □	Comments:
	(include unprotected opening calculation)	No □	
		NA □	

5	Tank to Ignition Source	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	Tank to combustible materials (such as parking cars & outdoor storage etc)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
В	Tank Design		,
1	Tank design and construction including venting	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Element of structure supporting directly to storage tank (2 hours rating)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Pressure testing & commissioning	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
C	Bundwall		
1	Height Limit (internal and external)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Containment capacity	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Bund wall to boundary line	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Drainage system with control valve	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	Bund wall construction material	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

D	Fire Engine Access Road		
1	At least three sides of the tank farm surrounded by the 4m wide fire engine access road for refineries and bulk storage terminals (lay-by shall be provided)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Storage tank is located not more than 45m from any fire engine access road	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
E	Fire Protection System		
1	Fire Hydrant is pump feed from fire water ring main system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Fixed water spray system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Fixed Foam system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Fixed monitor system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	Total water demand calculation	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	Breeching inlets for fire fighting and protection system at the bund wall	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
7	Portable foam and water monitors (the selection of such monitors are coordinated with the pre-determined possible deployment site and water supply)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
8	100% back-up foam stock	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

(B) Outdoor Package

		Provided and	Remarks/Comments
\boldsymbol{A}	Separation Distance	Comply With	
1	Between storage piles	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Pile to bund wall	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Pile to boundary line	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Pile to building line (including the unprotected opening calculation)	Yes □	Comments:
5	Pile to Ignition Source	Yes □	Comments:
6	Pile to combustible materials (such as parking cars & outdoor storage etc)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
7	Pile capacity limit and height limit	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
В	Bund wall		
1	Containment capacity	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Bund wall to boundary line	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Drainage system with gate valve	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Bund wall construction material	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

C	Fire Engine Access Road		
1	Any point from the pile to the fire engine access road is not more than 60m	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
D	Fire Protection System		
1	Fire Hydrant is pump feed from fire water ring main system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Fixed foam monitor is provided	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Total water demand calculation	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	100% back-up foam stock	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	Materials stored in tiers are secured by blocks, interlocking or other means suitable to prevent the stack from sliding, falling or collapsing.	Yes □	Comments:

(C) Indoor Package

		Provided and Comply With	Remarks/Comments
A	Separation Distance		
1	Only at the ground floor	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	At lest 5m away from the boundary line with fire rated external wall (2 hours for non-sprinkler and 1 hour for sprinkler protected)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Fully fire compartmentalized from other area or space	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	At least one wall is facing directly to the exterior open space for loading/unloading and fire fighting purpose. The parking truck for loading and unloading is located at least 3m away from the boundary line	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
В	Compartment size and storage heig	ht	
1	The compartment size is restricted base on type of hazardous materials and fire protection system (the Chemical Warehouse Guidelines)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	The storage height is base on NFPA 30 for non-sprinkler protected but restricted to max of 3.6m.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	The travel distance is base on the high hazard purpose group, 10/20m for non-sprinkler or 20/35m for sprinkler	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
C	Containment and Drainage system		
1	The containment capacity	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	At least 150mm high curb or cut-off drain is provided	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

3	Local and/or remote containment	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Drainage system with gate valve (to be used only by the fire fighting team)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
D	Fire Engine Access Road		
1	Comply with the chemical warehouse guidelines	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
E	Fire Protection System		
1	Provided with the following fire alarm and protection system (please tick) Manual Fire Alarm Automatic Fire Alarm Sprinkler (deluge) system Foam sprinkler	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Decam system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	The discharge density is designed accordingly to CP52 and, bases the type of content and storage height limit.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	The storage height is restricted to 15m or 18m base on the chemical warehouse guidelines	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
F	Ventilation		,
1	Natural or mechanical ventilation	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Comply with the general warehouse requirements	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

3	The ventilation design allows airmovement across all portions of the floor or room to prevent the accumulation of vapors.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	The daily operated mechanical ventilation systems for vapor removal is interlocked with the smoke control system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	All access and ventilation opening is located at least 5m away from any combustible material such as parking car etc	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
G	General		
1	Each package is restricted not more than 250L and kept in metal container (not more than 250L is allow to be transported within building at any one time)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

(D) Compressed Gases

		Provided and Comply With	Remarks/Comments
A	Outdoor Storage (Separation Distant (Refer to Chapter 7 of NFPA 55 for various	nce)	
1	Storage to building (include unprotected opening calculation)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Storage to Ignition Source (min of 7.6m)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Storage to boundary line (min 3m and comply with above item 2)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Storage to combustible materials (min 3m such as parking cars & outdoor storage etc)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	All non-compatible storage such as other hazard classification materials is located at least 7.6m away	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	Storage to flammable and combustible liquid (comply with Table 10.3.2.2.1 of NFPA 55)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
B	Indoor storage		
1	Maximum Allowable Quantity follows Table 6.3.1 of NFPA 55	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	The room using such compressed gas cylinders is fully fire compartmented (Control Area)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Separation of different type of gas (incompatible) is comply with cl 7.1.6.2 of NFPA 55 – Table 7.1.6.2	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	A designated gas room with special provisions (25% of the perimeter wall is an exterior wall)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

5	Gas room is always remain as negative pressure in relationship to the surrounding area	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	Gas cabinet – exhaust ventilation system designed to operate at a negative pressure relative to the surrounding area (cl 6.17.1)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
7	Gas cabinet used to contain toxic or pyrophoric gases, is internally sprinklered & contain not more than three cylinders	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
8	The automatic gas leak detection or monitoring system is able to - detect the leak, - sound the alarm to alert occupant, - shut-off gas supply & - activate designated extraction system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
9	For hydrogen gas – follow Chapter 10 of NFPA 55 (Table 10.3.2.2.1 – the min to boundary is 3m or 1.5m with a fire wall and comply with the min 7.6m to any ignition source)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

(E) LPG

		Provided And	Remarks/Comments
\boldsymbol{A}	Separation Distance	Comply With	
A	Separation Distance		
1	Kept in secured gas metal cabinet	Yes □	Comments:
	(only at ground floor externally)	No □	
		NA 🗆	
		. —	
2	Capacity limit	Yes □	Comments:
	(capacity per bank per cluster per	No □	
	building)	NA □	
3	Gas cylinder to exit door	Yes □	Comments:
	Gus Cymider to CAR door	No □	Comments.
		NA □	
		NA L	
4	Gas cylinder to unprotected opening	Yes □	Comments:
		No □	
		NA □	
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5	Gas cylinder to mechanical ventilation	Yes □	Comments:
	opening	No 🗆	
		NA □	
6	Gas cylinder to combustible materials	Yes □	Comments:
	(such as parking cars)	No □	
	-	NA 🗆	
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B	Control and Safety Devices		
		1	
1	Regulator	Yes □	Comments:
		No □	
		NA □	
2	Over Pressure Device	Yes □	Comments:
_	S ver riessure Bevice	No □	Comments.
		NA □	
		NA L	
3	Emergency shut-off valve	Yes □	Comments:
		No □	
		NA □	
4	Solenoid automatic shut-off valve	Yes □	Comments:
		No 🗆	
		NA □	

5	Vaporizer	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	The automatic gas leak detection or monitoring system is able to - detect the leak,	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
	sound the alarm to alert occupant,shut-off gas supply &activate designated extraction system		
7	Kitchen fire suppression system is interlock with the gas supply	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
8	Metal pipe sleeve and gas leak detection system are provided as per CP51	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
9	The gas pipe penetration shaft is comply with CP51 and the Fire Code	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

(F) Fire Safety Cabinet

		Provided And Comply With	Remarks/Comments
A	Separation Distance		
1	Each cabinet capacity is not more than 250L	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	Total allowable capacity is base on the storage density (per square meter of the floor area)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Distance between cabinets	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Listed cabinet such as UL, FM or PSB etc	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	At least 3m way from any ignition source	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	At least 3m away from any combustible material	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

(G) Laboratory

		Provided and Comply With	Remarks/Comments
A	Comply fully with the general requirement published in SCDF web-site		NFPA 45 and FSSD's guidelines
1	The maximum allowable capacity of hazardous materials is base on the FSSD's guidelines for compressed gas cylinders and liquid	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
2	All lab unit is fully fire compartmented from other room and space.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	Lab units or lab work areas is continuously maintained at a negative pressure - min. 4 A/C at night and weekends - min 8 A/C when lab is occupied	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	The air-conditioning system is not sharing with other lab unit and non-lab unit.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	Sprinkler system is designed to Ordinary Hazard Group 3 Special (CP52);	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	No combustible materials is placed within the 3m buffer range of the gas cylinder	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
7	No Flammable liquid is placed within 6m buffer range of the gas cylinder;	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
8	For toxic gases, gas leak detection system is provided and shut off the gas supply automatically	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
9	The automatic gas leak detection or monitoring system is able to - detect the leak, - sound the alarm to alert occupant, - shut-off gas supply & - activate designated extraction system	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

10	Oxygen-level monitoring system is put in placed to reduce the possibility of Oxygen-depletion (Asphyxiation)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
11	MSDS are properly documented and are kept on site readily for emergency use	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
12	Signages are provided (pl cross the box) Caution labels shall be provided at all the laboratory entrances and exits complying to SS 286	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
	- Hazmat sign at all the access doors (inside and outside) - Warning Sign - No smoking sign - Emergency Information Panel □		
13	Different Classes and incompatible materials to be stored in separate cabinets	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
14	Portable Fire extinguishers are provided	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
15	Designated fume hood with exhausted system is provided to extract vapor and gases directly to the exterior.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
16	All liquid not in use are kept within the UL/FM listed safety cabinets and only 10% of the allowable maximum liquid capacity are kept on the working bench during office hour.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
17	All BLS 3 (Bio-Safety Level 3) and 4 is protected with Sprinkler system.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
18	All BSL 3 or 4 is fully fire compartmented with 2 hour fire rating.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
19	Additional stagging area (the same requirements as fire fighting lobby) is provided at the main entrance of BSL 3 or 4 including the provision of landing valve	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
20	FSSD/SCDF has been notified officially for any new erection of such BSL3 or 4	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

(H) General

		Provided and Comply With	Remarks/Comments
1	QRA Study has been carried out and approved by the authorities concern.	Yes No NA NA	Comments:
2	All the safety provisions, specifications and recommendations stipulated in the QRA study are observed and comply with.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
3	MSDS are properly documented and are kept on site readily for emergency use	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
4	Signages are provided (pl cross the box) Caution labels or hazmat sign shall be provided at all the laboratory entrances and exits - Hazmat sign at all the exit access doors (inside and outside) - Warning Sign - No smoking sign	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
5	- Emergency Information Panel Different classes and incompatible materials are stored in separate fire compartment	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
6	Hazmat that react with water (Class 4.3) are stored in separate fire compartment with the appropriate caution label on all the access doors.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
7	Portable Fire extinguishers	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
8	50Kg fire extinguishers are provided at the loading and unloading area.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
9	Cryogenic fluid such as liquefied nitrogen storage tank is provided with 2 nd containment (bundwall) and, be placed at least 3m away from the boundary line and combustible material.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

10	Building owner, the operator and the QP are fully aware of the hazard involved and have exercised their professionalism by adopting all the possible good engineering design, practices and good housekeeping.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
11	Risk assessment study has been carried out (part of MOM requirements).	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
12	Clear identification of the function of any safety valves, switches and control actuator are provided.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
13	The storage area kept free of weeds, debris and other combustible material.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
14	Drain with gate valve is terminated at a safe location and directly accessible by fire-fighting team.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
15	All hazardous materials installations are kept under secured area.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
16	Restriction of type of storage and it respective height limit etc are indicated clearly on plan. The operator and FSM are well aware of such "Do and Don't" restriction.	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
17	The storage height limit is adequately indicated on the wall	Yes □	Comments:
18	All fire-fighting equipment are located at safe place and be away from any fire risk area	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
19	All proposed fire walls are masonry construction	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
20	Comply with SS 254 or NFPA 70 (SS254: Specification for Electrical apparatus for explosives gas atmospheres)	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:
21	Duplicate approved sit plan and detailed floor layouts are kept with security guard or FSM at specific location for ease of retrieval during emergency. All fire fighting equipment are highlighted	Yes □ No □ NA □	Comments:

22	Yes □	Comments:
	No □	
	NA □	