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Dear Sir/Madam

## **INSTALLATION OF MOVABLE SUN SCREENS ON EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS**

This circular is with regard to the installation of **movable** sun screens on the exterior of buildings.

2 We have recently seen a trend in providing movable sun screens on the exterior of buildings, in particular on the external of the balcony parapet walls in residential developments.

3 While providing shading from the sun for the buildings, movable sun screens installed on the outside of the building are exposed to the elements, and thus more prone to corrosion. Coupled with the problem of wear and tear of the movable parts in the screens from the daily usage by the occupants, such screens will pose the problem of fallen objects from height over time, especially if they are not checked and maintained regularly. In addition, as these sun screens are generally full height panels, the impact of a falling panel of such a size from height is great and will have grievous consequences if it hits any passer-by. These screens thus pose a long term public safety concern.

4 Moreover, for the person responsible, maintenance of exterior movable sun screens would be a challenge, as he would need to access the parts of the sun screen on the outside of the building.

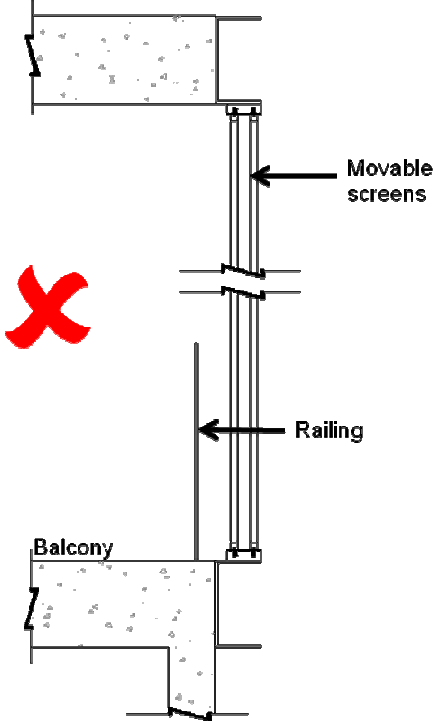
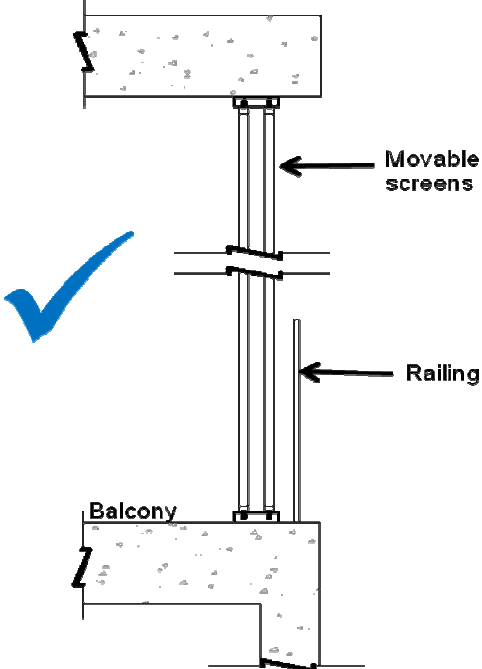
5 If movable sun screens are proposed in developments and in building plan submissions, the industry is advised that **for public safety reasons, these movable screens should be installed on the interior of the building/parapet walls.** See illustrations at **Annex A.**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teo Orh Hai', enclosed within a circular scribble.

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Exterior Movable Balcony Screens should be on Interior of Building/Parapet Wall



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