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President, Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA)  
President, Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)  
President, Association of Consulting Engineers, Singapore (ACES)

Dear Sirs

**Fire Safety (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2005**

SCDF has made amendments to the Fire Safety (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, which came into operation on 10 November 2005.

2. A copy of the Fire Safety (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2005 is attached as Annex A. The changes made are adopted arising from feedback gathered from the building industry and from cases encountered in the years of implementing the Fire Safety Act.

3. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board. The circular is also available in CORENET-einfo: <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo>.

4. For any enquiry or clarification, please contact EO Edmund Choo (DID: 68481452).

5. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Teo Lim Teck  
Secretary, FSSD Standing Committee  
for Commissioner  
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**Annex A**

**FIRE SAFETY ACT  
(CHAPTER 109A)**

**FIRE SAFETY (EXEMPTION) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2005**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 53 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Fire Safety (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2005 and shall come into operation on 10th November 2005.

**Amendment of paragraph 2**

2. Paragraph 2 of the Fire Safety (Exemption) Order (O 1) (referred to in this Order as the principal Order) is amended by deleting the words "installed in the building works" and substituting the words "to be commenced or carried out in any building".

**New paragraph 3**

3. The principal Order is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph 2, the following paragraph:

**"When building is standalone building**

3. In this Order, a building is a standalone building if —  
(a) it is not located within; and  
(b) it does not abut on,  
any other building."

**Amendment of Schedule**

4. The Schedule to the principal Order is amended —

(a) by deleting items 1 and 2 and substituting the following items:

"1. Detached, semi-detached and terrace houses each of which —  
(a) does not exceed 3 storeys or 3 levels, including basement and attic; and  
(b) does not share any facility with any other building.

2. Existing residential flats, maisonettes and townhouses in which alterations or additions are carried out provided such alterations or additions —  
(a) do not increase the floor areas of; and  
(b) do not affect —

(i) the common areas of;  
(ii) the doors which afford a means of entry into or exit from; or  
(iii) the walls separating the residential units from the common areas of,

such residential flats, maisonettes and townhouses."

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- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “doorways” in item 9, the words “having a horizontal projection not exceeding 1.4 metres”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after item 16, the following items:
- “17. Standalone bus-stops.
  18. Standalone taxi stops.
  19. Standalone areas for picking up or dropping off passengers of vehicles.
  20. Pedestrian overhead bridges —
    - (a) none of the sides of which is enclosed in any manner other than by handrail or overhead shelter; and
    - (b) which are not intended to be used as premises for the carrying out of any business activity.
  21. Pavilions —
    - (a) which are outdoors;
    - (b) none of the sides of which is enclosed in any manner other than by handrail or overhead shelter;
    - (c) which have floor areas not exceeding 20 square metres; and
    - (d) which are not intended to be used as premises for the carrying out of any business activity.
  22. Viaducts and flyovers.
  23. Walkways —
    - (a) none of the sides of which is enclosed in any manner other than by handrail or overhead shelter;
    - (b) which are not more than 3 metres in width;
    - (c) which do not span any driveway; and
    - (d) none of the sides of which (other than their ends) abuts on any building.
  24. Standalone toilets.
  25. Existing toilets in which alterations or additions are carried out provided —
    - (a) approvals have been previously obtained under section 23 (1) of the Act in respect of such toilets; and
    - (b) such alterations or additions do not increase the floor areas of such toilets.
  26. Standalone kiosks with floor areas not exceeding 10 square metres.
  27. Buildings in which reinstatement works are carried out following the expiration or termination of any tenancy or lease provided that such reinstatement works only involve the removal of all partitions installed in the buildings during or for the purpose of that tenancy or lease.”.

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Made this 4th day of November 2005.

**BENNY LIM**  
*Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Singapore.*

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