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Dear Sir/Madam,

COMPLIANCE OF NO UNPROTECTED OPENING REQUIREMENT FOR EXIT STAIRCASES OF CONSERVATION BUILDINGS

Clause 2.3.3 (a) (iii) of the Fire Code requires that there shall be no unprotected openings of occupancy area within 1.5m horizontally of the internal exit staircase ventilation/discharge point. This requirement is also applicable to conservation buildings.

2. For conservation shophouses, Qualified Person has feedback that the above requirement is difficult to comply with due to the narrow shop front at the ground level. The issue was discussed in the FSSD Standing Committee meeting and the Committee agreed that for conservation shophouses, the provision of fire-rated door at the staircase discharge can be accepted in lieu of the requirement of keeping 1.5m clear of unprotected openings.

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

4. For any inquiry or clarification, please contact Maj Choh Choon Jin at tel. no. 68481454 or email address Choh_Choon_Jin@scdf.gov.sg.



A PROUD MEMBER OF THE HOME TEAM



Yours faithfully,

(Transmitted thru' e-mail)

Poon Keng Soon
Secretary, FSSD Standing Committee
for Commissioner
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cc

All members of FSSD Standing Committee

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