

**SINGAPORE CIVIL DEFENCE FORCE  
FIRE SAFETY BUREAU**

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**ANNEX 9**

Registrar, Board of Architects (BOA)  
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President, S'pore Institute of Architects (SIA)  
President, Institution of Engineers, S'pore (IES)  
President, Association of Consulting Engineers, S'pore (ACES)

Dear Sirs

**PRECEDENTS OF MODIFICATION OR WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS  
RELATING TO FIRE SAFETY**


1 Modification or waiver of fire safety works from the Code of Practice For Fire Precautions in Buildings 1997, or the relevant codes of practice on system installation, may be granted by the Commissioner, Singapore Civil Defence Force, under Section 27 of the Fire Safety Act 1993. Such modification or waiver could have been approved based on various considerations that were peculiar to the building in question.

2 In view of the above, Qualified Persons (QPs) should pre-consult FSB first to determine the acceptability of any deviation from the codes in their building projects before making building plan submission or carrying out such works on site. They should not presume that deviations or modifications found in any building that was granted approval by FSB could be taken as precedents for application in their building projects. Any deviation or modification from the codes must be approved under Section 27 of the Fire Safety Act 1993, unless otherwise permitted via FSB's circulars issued from time to time.

3 All Qualified Persons (QPs) shall take note that past and current approvals for modifications or deviations of the fire safety works shall not be taken as precedents to qualify for approval for similar cases in the future.

4 Please convey the contents of this letter to members of your Institution/  
Association/Board.

Yours faithfully

  
Teo Lim Teck  
Secretary, FSB Standing Committee  
for Commissioner  
Singapore Civil Defence Force

cc

Director-General of Public Works  
Director, BCD  
All members of FSB Standing Committee  
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