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ANNEX 8

Dear Sirs

**STREAMLINING OF FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDS/ALTS OF
CONSERVATION AND NON-CONSERVATION SHOPHOUSE BUILDINGS**

1 Following a discussion at the FSB Standing Committee meeting held on 11 Jan 99, the Fire Safety Bureau (FSB) has decided that the current guidelines on "Fire Safety Requirements Affecting Shophouses Under Conservation" shall be made applicable, with immediate effect, to all old shophouses, including residential buildings (except temporary dwelling houses), having timber floors or staircases, whether designated or not for conservation by Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), subject to the following conditions:

- a) the above relaxation shall be applicable to buildings that were existing before 1969;
- b) there shall be no change of use to boarding houses, hotels, worker's quarters and the like, irrespective of whether the building is under conservation or not; and
- c) the upgrading of fire safety works shall be applicable to the whole building; partial upgrading of building is not acceptable.

2 A reprint of page 1 of the Code of Practice for Fire Precautions in Buildings 1997, incorporating the above relaxation under sub-clause 1.1.2, as supplement 1/99 is at Annex A. This will replace page 1 of the Code. A copy of the above guidelines is at Annex B.

3 I shall appreciate it if you could bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all members of your Institution/Association/Board. You may reproduce the annexes for distribution to your members.

Yours faithfully

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for Commissioner
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