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President, Association of Consulting Engineers, S'pore (ACES)

Dear Sirs,

DISCIPLINE OF QUALIFIED PERSON ON BUILDING PLAN SUBMISSION

Under the amendment to the Building Control Regulations published in the Government Gazette No S468 dated 11 Sep 98, a professional engineer may submit plans as the Qualified Person for electrical substations, factories, motor vehicle service stations, garages, warehouses and godowns that are more than one storey and covered grandstands with effect from 14 Sep 98.

2 In order to have consistency and a simplified procedure of plan submission, the list (see FSB's circular dated 15 Jul 98 on 'Implementation of Self-Regulation System on 7 Sep 98') of the types of fire safety works that can be undertaken by the relevant qualified persons of the appropriate discipline, under purpose group VI, VIII and VII (covered grandstands only) has been amended [see Annex A (revised)]. The changes which were deliberated and accepted by the FSB Standing Committee on 8 Mar 99, are highlighted in bold in Annex A (Revised).

3 We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this letter to members of your Institution/Association/Board..

Yours faithfully

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Annex A (Revised)

Relevant Qualified Persons for Building Plans, Fire Protection and Mechanical Ventilation Plans to be submitted under Section 23 of the Fire Safety Act

S/NO	Purpose Group	Description	Type of Project	Discipline of Qualified Person
1	I, II, III, IV, V & VII	Building Plans	a New building/ reconstruction/ extension of building	Architect or *Professional Engineer (Civil/Structural)
			b. Addition & alteration and change of use to building	Architect or Professional Engineer (Civil/Structural)
2	VI & VIII	Building Plans	a New building/ reconstruction/ extension of building	Architect or Professional Engineer (Civil/Structural)
			b. Addition & alteration and change of use to building	
3	I to VIII	Mechanical Ventilation Plans	Professional Engineer (Mechanical) or Professional Engineer (Electrical [up to PE Reg No 1311])	
4	I to VIII	Automatic Fire Alarm System Plans	Professional Engineer (Mechanical) or Professional Engineer (Electrical)	
5	I to VIII	Automatic Sprinkler & Fixed Water Spray/Foam System Plans	Professional Engineer (Mechanical) or Professional Engineer (Civil) or Professional Engineer (Chemical [up to PE Reg No 1311])	
6	I to VIII	Wet Riser System Plans	Professional Engineer (Mechanical) or Professional Engineer (Civil) or Professional Engineer (Chemical [up to PE Reg No 1311])	

Note 1: For definition of Purpose Groups I to VIII, please refer to Annex A-1

Note 2: * Only for covered grandstands.

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Annex A -1

Definitions of Purpose Groups as in the Code of Practice for Fire Precautions 1997

Purpose Group I	Small residential	Private dwelling house such as bungalows, semi-detached houses and terrace house including townhouses.
Purpose Group II	Other Residential	Accommodation for residential purposes other than any premises comprised in Group I to include flats, maisonettes, apartments etc.
Purpose Group III	Institutional	Establishments used for treatment, care or maintenance of persons suffering from disabilities, or educational purposes and accommodations including hospitals, clinics, polyclinics, student hostels, dormitories, old folks homes, orphanages, children's homes, day-care centres, kindergartens, army camps, detention/correction centres, schools, colleges, commercial schools, vocational institutions, polytechnics and universities.
Purpose Group IV	Office	Office or premises used for office purposes meaning the purposes of administration, clerical work (including book-keeping, accounting, drawing and editorial work etc) telephone and telegraph operating and banking or as premises occupied with an office for the purpose of the activities therein carried out.
Purpose Group V	Shop	Shop or shopping centre including departmental stores, shopping arcades, supermarkets, drugstores, showrooms for sale of goods, hairdressing and beauty salons, ticketing agencies, pawnshops, laundries and/or any similar trades or businesses.
Purpose Group VI	Factory	Factory as defined in the Factories Act, (Chapter 104), 1973
Purpose Group VII	Place of Public resort	Premises used for social, recreational or business purposes to include hotels, holiday resorts, boarding houses, convention centres, private clubs, community centres, museums, public art galleries, exhibition centres, theatres, cinemas, concert halls, public libraries, religious buildings, public sports complex, stadium, public swimming complex, recreational buildings, amusement centres, eating houses, restaurants, coffee shops, hawker centres, fast food outlets, bus terminals, train stations, airport and ferry terminals.
Purpose Group VIII	Storage	Place of storage (including godowns, warehouses, stores etc), deposit or parking of goods, material and/or vehicles.