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To All Registered Examiners :

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 1/96

Improper Test and Examination of Builder's Lift Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance

A registered examiner recently issued an uncompleted report (Form 19) of a builder's lift after its height of travel had been altered. Notwithstanding in the report the examiner certified that the builder's lift was in safe working order, this was in fact not the case.

Upon our query, the examiner re-issued another report (Form 19) to supersede the previous one and stated that the registered contractor should rectify the irregularities before putting the builder's lift back into use. In view of this, the registered examiner was warned in this respect.

Your attention is drawn that when carrying out any test and examination of builders' lifts or tower working platform, you should check and clarify with the registered contractor the following items before issuing any certificates and reports :

- i. The use of non standard components
If non standard components are used, it must be ensured that these components are properly designed and constructed. Such components include wall anchorages, landing gates, overload sensing devices, pinions, masts, counterweight and guide rollers and etc.
- ii. Adoption of local wind code
It must be ensured that the local wind code in Part 3 Section 2.2.4 of the Code of Practice on the Design and Construction of Builders' Lifts is adopted.

iii. Irregularities

Any irregularities found in the builders' lifts or tower working platforms must be rectified by the registered contractor and re-examined.

Your faithfully,


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for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services