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All Registered Contractors of Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms

Dear Sirs,

Circular No. 1/2021

Application for Exemption from Codes of Practice Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance

Section 12(3) of the Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms (Safety) Ordinance, Cap. 470, requires approval to be sought from this Department before lift work (including installation) that is not in accordance with relevant portions of the Codes of Practice is carried out. Applications for such approval are required to be made using the specified form, i.e. Form 10 - Application for Approval on Lift Work to be carried out with Exemption from the Requirements of the Codes of Practice, and with the necessary supporting documents normally in the form of full design and technical bundle (i.e. technical data, documents, and manuals).

Currently, such exemption is required to be sought every time a machine, with which the design has already been approved, is relocated from one specific location and installed at another place. As a streamlining arrangement, with immediate effect registered contractors are not required to re-submit for exemption applications the full design and technical bundle for machines which were granted exemption for installation within the past 5 years provided that (i) full design and technical bundle was submitted, and (ii) there are no changes in the configuration of the machine and installation arrangement covered in prior approval. Additional information may however be requested for individual cases.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact Ir LAM Chak-hung on telephone number 2808 3865.

Yours faithfully,

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