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Registrar, Board of Architects
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Dear Sir/Mdm

PUBLICATION OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN BUILDINGS 2018 EDITION

SCDF is pleased to announce the release of the Code of Practice for Fire Precautions in Buildings 2018, commonly known as Fire Code, on 21 Aug 2018. The Code serves as an authoritative source on fire safety standards for local buildings and is used by the industry in designing fire safety works in buildings.

2. The review of the Code was conducted by the Fire Code Review Committee, which is led by SCDF and comprises representatives from the building industry, government agencies and academic institutions. This current 8th edition of the Fire Code is the result of a multi-disciplinary, multi-professional public-private collaborative endeavour. It adopts an evidence-based and quantitative approach involving literature search, comparative studies, fire tests and the conducts of fire and evacuation modelling. The objective is to make the Code requirements sharper and less onerous through quantitative assessment to manage the risks. The Code was thus largely shaped by the industry's practices and experiences through feedback gathered at



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SCDF's many consultation dialogue sessions, seminars and meetings with other industry professionals.

3. In this edition, the structure of Fire Code has undergone significant revamp. Two new chapters, namely Chapter 10 & 11 are being introduced to accommodate existing fire safety requirements found in Appendixes of Fire Code 2013 and circulars. The existing Chapter 9 subject matter for "Fire Safety Report" has been replaced by "Additional Requirements for Each Purpose Group". To this note, the existing mandatory Fire Safety Report content will be removed from the Fire Code. The reason for this migration is to facilitate segregation of non-technical content within the Fire Code so as to maintain Fire Code as a pure technical document. Please note that this set of "Fire Safety Report" compliance is still mandatory.

4. The implementation of this new Code takes effect on 1st Mar 2019. The grace period is to give the building industry sufficient lead time to plan ahead for any new building projects. Any proposed plans of fire safety works for new buildings or alteration/alteration works to existing buildings that are submitted to SCDF for approval on or after the effective date will be subjected to the new Code. Notwithstanding the above, SCDF has no objection to the adoption of the new Code with immediate effect by the industry. Its electronic version is made available at SCDF's website, www.scdf.gov.sg.

5. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Board/ Institution/ Association. This circular is also available in CORENET's e-Info: <http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo>.

6. Please contact Mr Randy Tan at DID: 68481461 or Mr Tan Yi Yang at DID: 68481413 for any query.



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Yours faithfully

(transmitted via email)

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