

Subcommittee on Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 and Building (Administration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2015

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 9 November 2015**

The Administration was requested to provide the following information:

Application of the proposed amendments

1. With respect to an existing premises used for a cinema, whether the proposed revised standards under the Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 (L.N. 191) would be applicable to the premises after it undergoes internal alteration and sub-division works, provided that such works does not involve an increase in the area for the premises or the seating capacity; if yes, the reasons and the details;
2. Whether an operator of a restaurant who has obtained a provisional or a full licence from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for the restaurant and has applied for providing a small area of "outside seating accommodation" ("OSA") for the purpose of outdoor dining at the restaurant's adjoining premises (for accommodating a few tables) (which may be regarded as an extension of the licensed premises) will be required to provide additional sanitary fitments in the restaurant in compliance with L.N. 191 for the sake of operating the OSA; if yes, the reasons and the details;
3. In the light of paragraphs 3 and 4 of LC Paper No. CB(1)128/15-16(02) and section 42 (in particular, section 42(1) and (4)) of the Buildings Ordinance (Cap.123), whether and how section 42 applies to alteration works that are referred to in the said paragraphs in case the new standards under L.N. 191 are applicable to such works;
4. The principles and circumstances under which the Buildings Department ("BD") will grant modification of or exemption from the provisions of Cap. 123 as mentioned in paragraph 4 of LC Paper No. CB(1)128/15-16(02), in particular, whether BD will invoke such power with respect to works to be undertaken in existing premises involving

an extension of the area for the premise concerned; if yes, how the Administration will ensure that the grant of such modification or exemption will not compromise the objective of the proposed amendments, i.e. to enhance the standards for the provision of sanitary fitments in public places for the use of females;

Number of sanitary fitments to be provided in various types of buildings under L.N. 191

5. With respect to the Queuing Model of Operations Research adopted by the consultant --
 - (a) How the required numbers of sanitary fitments provided in the Tables in L.N. 191 are calculated using the Model;
 - (b) The calculation process to derive the required number of female watercloset fitments, that is, 6, in a cinema with a seating capacity of 500 (and the number of female persons being 300);
 - (c) Assumptions, empirical data, factors and parameters adopted in the Model and the calculation; whether and how the durations of use of the toilet by males and females affect the calculation/results of the calculation;
 - (d) The consultant's findings about the durations of use of the toilet by males and females in Hong Kong; and
6. The provisions of sanitary fitments in shopping arcades and department stores on the third floor and above under the extant statutory requirements and L.N. 191 (further to Table (I) in Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(1)90/15-16(07).