

**Bills Committee on Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2003**

**List of follow-up actions arising from discussion  
at the meeting on 29 January 2004**

The Administration was requested -

Paragraph 8(a) in CB(1)719/03-04(02)

- (a) to consider the feasibility of devising a simplified scheme concerning the submission of record plans for Category III minor works. Members suggested that for the erection of supporting frames for air-conditioning units or drying racks, different standardized options might be prescribed in a standardized form for easy completion by minor works contractors. Where the minor works fell outside the prescribed options, the minor works contractors concerned might be required to submit record photographs and record plans or written description of the completed minor works;

Paragraph 8(b) in CB(1)719/03-04(02)

- (b) to consider providing flexibility in respect of the required attendance rate for top-up courses and the need to pass the examinations for such courses for registration as Class B minor works contractors. Members suggested that different options be provided to cater for the circumstances of different contractors. These options might include passing the required examination without the need to attend the top-up courses, attaining a prescribed attendance rate for the top-up courses and passing the required examination, and attaining a higher prescribed attendance rate for the top-up courses without the need to sit for the required examination;

Paragraph 8(c) in CB(1)719/03-04(02)

- (c) to advise the qualifications for provisional registration as minor works contractors after consultation with the trade including self-employed small minor works contractors. Members were concerned about the documentary evidence required to be produced to substantiate claim of experience in minor works. They were worried that self-employed minor works contractors might not have business registration or receipts to prove that they had been engaged in minor works;

- (d) to advise the channel of appeal concerning applications for provisional registration as minor works contractors. Members called for the provision of simple appeal procedures without the need to resort to legal proceedings;

Paragraph 10 in CB(1)719/03-04(02)

- (e) to clarify whether notice published in the Gazette concerning minor works and specified exempted works under the proposed section 8A(2A) and 41(3AA)(b) respectively was subsidiary legislation. Members were concerned that publishing the notice in the Gazette was not an effective or user-friendly means to inform members of the public or interested persons about minor works and specified exempted works. Some members suggested setting out the details of these works in a schedule to the principal ordinance; and
- (f) to review the drafting of the criteria for exempted works under the proposed section 41(3AA) to avoid ambiguity. Some members were concerned that the existing subsection (3AA)(a)(i) and (iii) were unclear. They pointed out that (i) referred to the location of carrying out of works and not of the works themselves. Under the present drafting of (iii), the layman would not be aware that aluminum windows in external wall had to bear wind load and thus were not regarded as exempted works.

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