

REMOVING BARRIERS BY LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS

Upon legislative amendment, owners of such portable equipment shall be free from the statutory duty of keeping it in efficient working order at all times and having it inspected by a RFSIC at least once every 12 months.

APPROVAL MECHANISM ON PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

- Portable equipment is any fire service equipment which is manufactured, used or designed to be used as an independent unit for the purposes of extinguishing, attacking, preventing or limiting a fire.
- To safeguard product performance and safety, all portable equipment shall be approved by the Director of Fire Services before sale or supply in Hong Kong.
- A list of approved portable equipment shall be kept by the Director and published in the government Gazette at least once in every year for public reference.



This exemption is not applicable for:



- Portable equipment installed pursuant to the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment



- Premises which are required to obtain a license or registration under different legislations



- Portable equipment installed voluntarily at the common area of domestic building, such as common corridors, lobbies, staircases, etc.

SELF-CHECKING OF PORTABLE EQUIPMENT



- To ensure the portable equipment is in efficient working order, FSD encourages owners of portable equipment installed at domestic premises to conduct self-checking for those equipment regularly.



- If rusting, leakage or damage are noted for fire extinguisher, stop using it immediately and arrange a detailed inspection by a registered fire service installation contractor (RFSIC).



PROMOTION OF THE WIDER VOLUNTARY USE OF PORTABLE EQUIPMENT AT DOMESTIC PREMISES



Proper Selection of Portable Equipment



List of approved Fire Extinguishers and Fire Blankets



List of RFSIC



Accepted/ Approved Equipment



Hong Kong Fire Services Department



Promotion of the Wider Use of Stand-alone Fire Detectors (SFD)

- The Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations (Cap. 95B) was amended in 2021 to the effect that owners/occupants of any buildings/premises will not be required to engage registered fire service installation contractors (RFSIC) for the installation, maintenance, inspection or repair of any SFD installed voluntarily.
- Besides, owners of such equipment will also be exempted from the statutory duty of keeping such equipment in efficient working order at all times and having them inspected by RFSIC at least once in every 12 months.



Promotion of the Wider Use of SFD

TARGETED FIRE PROTECTION MEASURES FOR DOMESTIC PREMISES

FSD sees the need to formulate more targeted fire protection measures to facilitate occupants to respond to a fire using the “Three Basic Skills on Emergency Preparedness”.

Three Basic Skills on Emergency Preparedness



FSD has been educating members of the public to operate fire service installation and equipment, including portable equipment, under safe condition.



Owners of portable equipment are required to observe the statutory obligations under Cap. 95B and bear the cost involved in engaging RFSIC for fulfilling those statutory requirements. In this regard, FSD plans to encourage voluntary use of approved portable equipment in domestic premises by way of legislative amendment.

PROMOTION OF THE WIDER VOLUNTARY USE OF PORTABLE EQUIPMENT AT DOMESTIC PREMISES

- Portable equipment, such as fire extinguisher and fire blanket, is effective in putting out fire during its incipient stage and it is safe and prudent for ordinary citizens to keep an approved portable equipment at their domestic premises.
- Promotion of a wider use of portable equipment on the public's own volition in domestic premises could effectively extend fire protection coverage to citizens' homes.

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Promotion of the Wider Voluntary Use of Portable Equipment at Domestic Premises



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