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To: Recipients of FSD Circular Letters

Dear Sirs/Madams,

FSD Circular Letter No. 5/2008
Graphical Symbol Exit Signs

Following the international trend of moving from character design towards graphic design for emergency exit signs, a Working Group (WG) under Fire Safety Standards Advisory Group (FSSAG) has been set up and tasked to conduct a study on the implementation of graphic exit signs in Hong Kong. After comprehensive research and extensive consultations with the building industry and interested parties, it was decided that the following designs of exit signs would be acceptable:-

(a) Current Exit Sign (Figure 1)
- It is the same as the current design.



Figure 1 – Current Exit Sign

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(b) Combined Graphical Symbol and Characters Exit Sign (Figure 2)

- A graphical symbol with dimension of not less than 125mm x 125mm shall be incorporated between the Chinese and English characters. Detailed scale of symbol is illustrated in Figure 4.



Figure 2 – Combined Graphical Symbol and Characters Exit Sign

(c) Graphical Symbol Exit Sign (Figure 3)

- In this design, it is only a graphical symbol of not less than 125mm x 125mm. Figure 4 shows the details of the symbol.

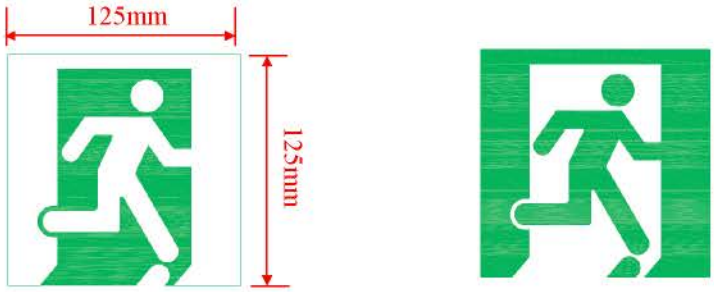
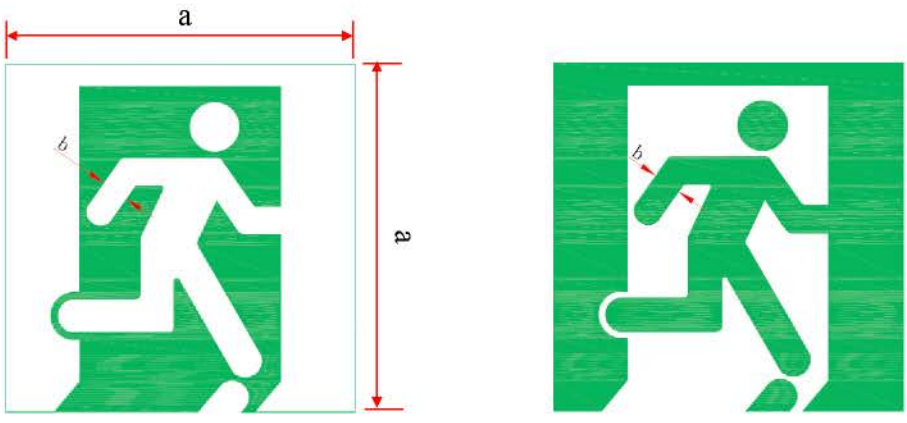


Figure 3 – Graphical Symbol Exit Sign



(Dimension: a ≥ 125mm and b ≥ 10mm)

Figure 4 – Detailed Scale of the Graphical Symbol

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Apart from the foregoing changes, other specifications for exit signs as stipulated in Section 5.10, Part V of the Code of Practice for Minimum Fire Service Installations and Equipment shall be followed.

For new buildings, single type of exit sign shall be installed within the same development in order to maintain uniformity. For existing buildings, the adoption of mixed designs of exit signs is acceptable. Nevertheless, owners/occupiers of buildings are encouraged to use single type of exit sign should there be any major replacement programme of exit signs.

This letter serves to announce that the aforesaid new exit signs can be installed with effect from 1 September 2008.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Fire Services

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