

Dear Sir/Madam,

Stakeholder Consultation Report on Proposed Amendment to the Fire Safety Regime – Expand Categories of Buildings Required to Implement Emergency Preparedness (EP) Requirements

1. The Fire Safety Act (FSA) ensures the fire safety standard of buildings in Singapore, and protects lives and property from destruction by fire. The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) has completed a public and stakeholder consultation exercise on the proposed amendments to the FSA, which seek to strengthen fire safety provisions and enhance SCDF's regulatory and enforcement powers.
2. The consultation exercise with Religious Organisations was conducted from August 2018 to March 2019. Views from representatives of the Religious Organisations as well as the representatives from the major religious associations were garnered. This exercise has allowed SCDF to obtain valuable feedback on the proposed amendment.
3. Suggestions and feedback received during the consultation will be duly considered by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and SCDF for the FSA amendments. SCDF is also appreciative of your understanding that this proposal is necessary to enhance the life safety of building occupants and minimise potential fatalities and casualties.
4. SCDF thanks all participants of the consultation exercise for your valuable feedback. The Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill is targeted to be tabled in Parliament in the second half of 2019. Once the amendments take effect, SCDF will be sending a letter to the relevant parties to inform on the need to implement the necessary EP requirements. SCDF would like to assure participants that SCDF will exercise flexibility where appropriate to facilitate the implementation of the EP requirements.

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