

## Working Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Review

### Introduction

1. The Working Group on the Review of Registration Scheme for Fire Service Installation Contractors (the Working Group) endorsed the Sub-Working Group's preferred Option C of the First Report during the Working Group meeting on 11 May 2001. Details of the classification and qualifications of fire service installation contractors (FSIC) under the preferred option are enclosed as **Appendix I & II**.
2. All existing FSICs have been informed of the progress of the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of the Review and the preferred option of classification and qualifications of FSIC. They have also been requested to forward their comments and suggestions to the Working Group for consideration. The comments obtained have been incorporated in the First Report where appropriate. The finalized First Report was renamed as "Review Report on Classification and Qualifications of Fire Service Installation Contractors" as the report of the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Review.
3. At the 2nd stage of this Review, we will focus on the following matters to derive viable recommendations for implementation:
  - 3.1 Matters arising from the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of the Review;
  - 3.2 Transitional arrangement to the new classification scheme;
  - 3.3 Renewal of registration of FSIC;
  - 3.4 Legislative amendments to the existing Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations and Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations.
4. Since the recommendations will involve amendment proposal to the existing Fire Service (Installation Contractors) Regulations and Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations, whether these recommendations are legally in order will be subject to legal advice. As such, recommendations of the Working Group will serve as a framework for amendment of these regulations. Advice from the Government Counsel will be sought after the Working Group has submitted the finalized recommendations to the Director of Fire Services. We aim at completing the review in this August.