Buildings Department

Practice Note for Authorized Persons and Registered Structural Engineers

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Amendment to Code of Practice for Provision of Means of Escape in Case of Fire 1996 (MOE Code)

Paragraph 14.5(e) of MOE Code stipulates that a vision panel is required in a room, other than a toilet, from which the only exit route is through another room.

- 2. To provide greater flexibility in design, the requirement for a vision panel may be substituted by alternative provisions, such as a fire alarm system audible in the room, which may serve to alert persons in the inner room of any danger from fire or smoke.
- 3. For avoidance of doubt, paragraph 14(5) does not apply to habitable room with means of escape through living/dinning room or kitchen in domestic flats.

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