

Table 18.6.: House of Expertise Responsibilities

ITEMS	REQUIREMENTS
3. RESPONSIBILITIES	<p><u>3. REPORTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Where House of Expertise are appointed by consultants to evaluate Cladding Systems, full installation methods, material specifications, product and system test certifications, installer's qualifications etc. shall be evaluated for compliance in accordance with UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice, and submitted to Civil Defence through consultant, only when cladding systems are complaint. Non Compliant cladding systems shall not be submitted to Civil Defence. ii. Where House of Expertise are appointed by consultant to evaluate Smoke Control Systems, full design criteria, CFD analysis, if any, design intent, material specifications, product and system test certifications, installer's qualifications etc. shall be evaluated for compliance in accordance with UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice, and submitted to Civil Defence through consultant, only when smoke control systems are complaint. Non Compliant smoke control systems shall not be submitted to Civil Defence.
4. CODE COMPLIANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The overall code compliance evaluation of the project is primary responsibility of the House of Expertise, when appointed to do so. ii. Approval from Civil Defence for any project drawings is based on minimum requirements and it does not relief consultant or House of Expertise from his responsibility to verify and explore additional code compliance requirements from UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice and The International Codes and Standards referred within. iii. Though performance based designs from House of Expertise are acceptable, it is House of Expertise' responsibility not to compromise the Fire and Life Safety aspects of the project or the intent of the requirements of prescriptive codes while having "Performance Based Design" approaches or conducting "Engineering Judgments".
5. FINAL SIGN OFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Where appointed by consultants or Décor contractors, House of Expertise shall sign off final Fire and Life Safety evaluation and inspection documents to the owner, undertaking that all the Fire and Life Safety aspect of the building are as per approved drawings and are in full compliance with UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice. ii. This signed undertaking conformity from House of Expertise shall be submitted to Civil Defence along with final inspection, testing and handing over documents for Civil Defence completion certificate to occupy the building.