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PART [I]

Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NOTIFICATION

*Islamabad, the 31st October, 2016*

S. R. O. 1073 (I)/2016.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 of the Pakistan Engineering Council Act, 1975 (V of 1976), the Governing Body of the Pakistan Engineering Council, with the previous sanction of the Federal Government, is pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the Pakistan Engineering Council Construction and Operation of Engineering Works Bye-laws, 1987, namely:—

In the aforesaid Bye-laws, after Bye-law 10, the following new Bye-law shall be added, namely:—

(3371)

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**"II. Application of Building Code of Pakistan-Fire Safety Provisions-2016.**—(1) The Building Code of Pakistan-Fire Safety Provisions-2016 provide rules for fire prevention, life safety in relation to fire and fire protection of building and structures as prescribed. Building Code of Pakistan-Fire Safety Provisions-2016 shall be adopted by the federal and provincial governments, organizations, authorities, both public and private, as notified.

(2) Construction and modification of buildings in violation of Building Code of Pakistan (Fire Safety Provisions-2016) shall be considered as violation of professional engineering works as specified under clause (xxv) of section 2 of the Act.

(3) The implementation and enforcement of this Bye-law shall vest with the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) within their respective jurisdictions and circles as follow:

- (1) Building Control, Housing and Development Authorities
- (2) District Administration
- (3) Tehsil or Town Administration
- (4) Municipal Administration
- (5) Station Headquarters (Army, Air Force and Navy)
- (6) Cantonment Administration
- (7) Union Council Administration
- (8) Autonomous Bodies
- (9) Industrial Estates
- (10) Directorates of Civil Defence
- (11) Export Processing Zones
- (12) Other Federal/Provincial Authorities as and when notified

(4) This Bye-law shall come into force upon being notified and all the concerned AHJs shall implement the same immediately in prescribed manner.

(5) All relevant AHJs shall ensure compliance and implementations of this Code and accordingly adopt or amend their relevant regulations, Bye-laws or rules as the need be.

- (6) This Bye-law shall apply to both new and existing buildings.
  - (a) buildings permitted for construction after the adoption of these provisions shall comply with the provisions stated herein for new buildings forthwith;

- (b) existing buildings constructed prior to adoption of these provisions shall comply with the provisions stated herein as soon as possible but not later than three years of notification of these provisions; and
- (c) minimum fire protection requirements such as provision of fire alarm and detection system, fire extinguishers, emergency response plans and fire drills shall however be in place as soon as possible but not later than one year of notification of these provisions.

(7) Any person who fails to comply with this Bye-law, or fails to carry out an order made pursuant to these provisions, or violates any condition attached to a permit, approval, or certificate shall be subject to the penalties in accordance with the regulations of AHI.

(8) These provisions shall first be reviewed and updated after five years of notification, and thereafter every five years or earlier, on the basis of data and feedback received by the committee, as constituted by Pakistan Engineering Council."

[F. No. PEC/SRO/CONST/PSP/16.]

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