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Construction Standards Used in Hong Kong

Introduction

This Circular introduces 'Construction Standards Used in Hong Kong'.

Background

2. The need to have a document containing all construction standards used by or acceptable to Government departments has been well established. The Construction Standards Committee (CSC) (Terms of Reference and Membership at Appendix A) which was formed in early 1992 has as its first task concentrated on compiling and producing such a document. The document is now ready for issue.

3. Government is determined to set good example in environmental protection. Many of these standards are aimed at controlling direct pollution of the environment (such as emissions, noise and dredging activities), and have been drawn up in response to legislation and other perceived needs for acceptable codes of practice.

4. The construction standards included in the document are those used by Government departments and their consultants at the date of issue. They are arranged under a 'Unified Construction Standards Classification', which groups standards under relevant groups and subgroups.

Distribution

5. The document will be distributed to all Works Group Departments and to Housing Department, Environmental Protection Department, Buildings Department and Lands Department. Consultants employed by Government will also be given a copy.

Feedback and Updating

6. As changes in construction technology and design practice, or in legal, particularly environmental legislation, or procedural requirements will inevitably take place, standards or their use may have been revised since the date of issue. It is essential that users of the document provide feedback to their departmental representative of CSC (see Membership at Appendix A) on new standards or modifications. Feedback is also requested on any inaccuracy in the document. Updating of this document by way of supplements or new editions will be carried out by CSC.

Status of the Document

7. As the first edition, the document still need refinement. Users should consider it only as a working draft reference document. Application of standards listed is not mandatory. Any queries on contents, or suggestions for future editions, should be directed to departmental representatives.

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