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Construction Industry Council Publishes
“Safety Alert No. 002/12 on Safety Related Matters of Workers
Engaging in Renovation and Repair Works
(with the use of volatile organic compounds) in Commercial Premises”

Hong Kong • 9 November 2012 – The Construction Industry Council (CIC) today released a new publication entitled “*Safety Alert No. 002/12 on Safety Related Matters of Workers Engaging in Renovation and Repair Works (with the use of volatile organic compounds) in Commercial Premises*” (Safety Alert). The Safety Alert is aimed at avoiding health hazards to workers involving the use of volatile organic compounds during their engagement in renovation and repair works in commercial premises such as shopping malls and office towers.

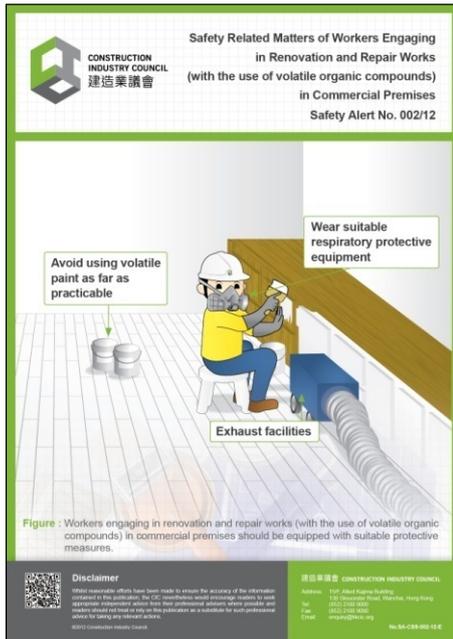
Introduction

To ensure the health and safety of construction workers who need to come into contact with volatile organic compounds, a Task Group on Safety and Health of Workers Engaging in Renovation Works on Occupied Commercial Premises (TG-RCP) of the CIC’s Committee on Construction Site Safety (Com-CSS) prepared this Safety Alert to suggest protective measures for owners and tenants, property management companies, contractors as well as workers.

Publication

Mr. CHEUNG Hau-wai, Chairman of the Com-CSS said, “It is unavoidable for some workers to be in contact with volatile organic compounds. Therefore, we hope workers will take the advice laid out in this Safety Alert, and adopt suitable protective measures.” He appealed to industry stakeholders to create a healthy working environment by providing workers with proper exhaust facilities and respiratory protective equipment whenever necessary.

The Safety Alert is available for download on the CIC’s website <www.hkcic.org>.



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About the Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007 under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance Cap. 587. The CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of the CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provide training for construction workforce and serve as a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

To learn more about the CIC, please visit website <www.hkcic.org> for further details.

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