

HONG KONG REGULATION FOR EXIT SIGN

Exit Sign Requirement

Sufficient exit signs shall be provided to ensure that all exit routes from any floor within the buildings are clearly indicated as required by the configuration of staircases serving the buildings. Characters exit signs, combined graphical symbol and characters exit signs, and graphical symbol exit signs are acceptable. For new buildings, single type of exit signs shall be installed within the same development in order to maintain uniformity.

Characters exit signs

The signs shall bear the words in English and Chinese of not less than 125mm high. The letter style shall be in 'Helvetica' or 'Marigold' or 'Modified Garamond' while the Chinese characters shall be with width of vertical strokes not less than 15mm and with width of horizontal strokes not less than 10mm.



Combined graphical symbol and characters exit signs

All requirements of characters exit signs shall be met. In addition, a graphical symbol with dimensions of not less than 125mm x 125mm shall be incorporated between the Chinese and English characters. The symbols are illustrated in legend V and W.



Graphical symbol exit signs

The signs shall bear a graphical symbol with dimension of not less than 125mm x 125mm. The symbols are illustrated in legend E3 and E4.



Directional Sign Requirement

If a sign is not installed immediately above an exit or if an exit is not clearly visible from normally occupied parts of the premises, directional signs shall be erected to ensure that all exit routes from any floor within the buildings are clearly indicated as required by the configuration of staircases serving the buildings.

The symbols are illustrated in legend D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 and D6.



Colours

Colour contrast for translucent surrounds to lettering shall be as follows:

| Colour | Contrasting |
|--------|-------------|
| White | Green |

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|--------|-------------|
| Green | White |

Exit and directional signs shall be positioned between 2m and 2.5m above floor level measured to the base of the sign and exit signs shall be positioned directly above the doorway of the exit. If this is not practicable, the Director of Fire Services should be consulted.

Other Signs

According to the CODE OF PRACTICE for the provision of means of access for firefighting and rescue purposes on 2004 from Buildings Department, the indicating of the fire service access point should be displayed as follows:- (The size of characters should be not less than 20mm)

Clause 9.4



Clause 16.5

