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New Supplement to Code of Measuring Practice by HKIS

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) has issued a new Supplement to Code of Measuring Practice (see p.2) which shall take effect on 1 March 2010. The purpose of the new Supplement is to clarify that Stairhood shall not form part of the Saleable Area. It should be measured separately and stated under Ancillary Accommodation. The Executive Committee of HKIS has also resolved to set up a Standing Committee on Code of Measuring Practice chaired by Dr. Lawrence Poon. The role of the Standing Committee is to help clarify the Code of Measuring Practice and where necessary make recommendation to the Executive Committee on updating the Supplement of Code of Measuring Practice.

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Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice

Preamble

This supplement is entitled “Supplement to the Code of Measuring Practice” (“this Supplement”). This Supplement should be read in conjunction with the Code of Measuring Practice published by The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors in March 1999 (“the Code”) and shall form part of the Code.

Saleable Area

Saleable Area shall include Balcony and other similar features such as Verandah and Utility Platform. The area of such features shall be measured from the exterior of the enclosing walls but excluding the full thickness of such enclosing walls which abut on the unit.

Saleable Area shall not include the items specified under Ancillary Accommodation. These items shall be separately measured and stated.

Ancillary Accommodation

Unless otherwise specified by members in their reports, the following items of Ancillary Accommodation shall be measured as follows and stated separately under Ancillary Accommodation:

Cockloft: the area of a cockloft shall be measured from the interior of the enclosing walls and shall include the internal partitions and columns within such cockloft.

Stairhood: the area of a stairhood shall be measured from the exterior of the enclosing walls and shall include the internal partitions and columns within such stairhood.

Bay Window: the area of a bay window shall be measured from the exterior of the enclosing walls or glass windows of such bay window and from the point where the bay window meets the wall dropping to the floor level of a unit excluding the thickness of such wall.

Yard, terrace, garden, flat roof, roof and air-conditioning plant room: the area of such items shall be measured from the interior of their boundary lines, and where boundary consists of a wall, then it shall be measured from the interior of such wall.

Air-conditioning Platform

This item is neither Saleable Area nor Ancillary Accommodation.

Superseding

This Supplement shall supersede any other Supplement(s) previously issued.

Clarification

If members of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors have any doubt on the interpretation of the Code and this Supplement, they should seek clarification from the President of the Institute in writing.

This supplement issued on 1 March 2010

The Supplement issued on 18 August 2008 superseded

The Supplement issued on 5 February 2008 superseded

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