

Building (Specified Systems, Change the Use, and Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Regulations 2005

Pursuant to section 402(1)(o) of the Building Act 2004, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, and on the recommendation of the Minister for Building Issues, makes the following regulations.

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1 Title

- (1) These regulations are the Building (Specified Systems, Change the Use, and Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Regulations 2005.
- (2) In these regulations, the Building (Specified Systems, Change the Use, and Earthquake-prone Buildings) Regulations 2005¹ are called “the principal regulations”.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 12 January 2006.

¹ SR 2005/32

3 Schedule 1 amended

Schedule 1 of the principal regulations is amended by adding the following clause:

- “ 15 Any or all of the following systems and features, so long as they form part of a building’s means of escape from fire, and so long as those means also contain any or all of the systems or features specified in clauses 1 to 6, 9, and 13:
- “(a) systems for communicating spoken information intended to facilitate evacuation; and
 - “(b) final exits (as defined by clause A2 of the building code); and
 - “(c) fire separations (as so defined); and
 - “(d) signs for communicating information intended to facilitate evacuation; and
 - “(e) smoke separations (as so defined).”

Diane Morcom,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations come into force on 12 January 2006.

They amend the Building (Specified Systems, Change the Use, and Earthquake-prone Buildings) Regulations 2005. The amendment adds a new clause to the list of systems or features declared to be specified systems for the purposes of the Building Act 2004. (The Act requires buildings with specified systems to have a compliance schedule and an annual building warrant of fitness.) The new clause makes certain fire protection systems or features specified systems under the Act, so long as—

- they form part of a building’s means of escape from fire (which, broadly, are unobstructed routes of travel from any part of the building’s floor area to a place of safety); and
- those means also contain certain other systems or features.

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