Date: 27 February 2019

Registrar, Board of Architects
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President, Singapore Institute of Architects
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Dear Sir/Mdm,

AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STOREY SHELTERS (TR SS) 2015 AND HOUSEHOLD SHELTERS (TR HS) 2017: REMOVAL OF PROVISION OF TELEVISION OUTLETS

Under Clause 2.6.1 of Technical Requirements for Storey Shelters (TR SS) 2015 and Clause 2.7.1(a) of Technical Requirements for Household Shelters (TR HS) 2017, TV outlets are to be provided within the HS and SS. The designs and installations are to comply with relevant local Codes of Practice for Info-communication Facilities in Building (COPIF) and statutory requirements for the specified peacetime usage.

2. Following the cessation of analogue TV signals and implementation of digital TV signals from 1 Jan 2019, and in line with COPIF 2018, there is no longer a requirement to connect TV outlets in new residential developments to the Master Antenna Television (MATV) or Cable Television (CATV) systems to receive Free-to-Air (FTA) TV broadcasting.

3. SCDF has assessed that apart from FTA TV broadcasting, there are other viable means for shelter occupants to receive emergency messages from inside the HS and SS during a National Emergency. Hence, this circular is to inform that TV outlets are no longer required to be provided in HS and SS for new residential developments, with immediate effect.

4. Please convey the contents of this circular to members of your Institution/Association/Board. The circular is also available on CORENET-e-Info: http://www.corenet.gov.sg/einfo. For any enquiry or clarification, please contact the undersigned at 6848 1478.

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