

Here is the footage of

“Site Safety Seminar for Capital Works New Works Contracts”

which was held on 26 April 2019

by the Hong Kong Housing Authority

The first Questions and Answers session

I come from the Housing Authority (HA)

My question is about contract commenced before 1st April 2019

if the contract manager (CM) does not issue instruction

then will HASAS Version 1.6 apply at all?

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The second question is about changes in HA Specification

Will the new specifications be in line with

Housing Authority Safety Auditing System (HASAS)

In case HASAS is not enforced

will those safety related new specifications

apply to current contracts or not?

It was mentioned just now that only some would be implemented

What will be the situation? Now, it is quite confusing

In the PowerPoint slides presented just now, I introduced

mainly some related to ordinances, or some guidelines

For changes in Version 1.6 not related to specifications will apply

There are also amendments solely on specifications

Some innovations, for example

secondary brake of the tower crane

mentor system, direct power supply

For enhancement of specifications

we will have them clearly written up

Only tenders after 1st April 2019

will need to abide by HASAS version 1.6

We have given the information to auditors

Auditors will ask contractors or HA staff

whether the contract manager (CM) has issued any site instructions (SI)

Without SI, the specifications will not have to be considered

Unless CM has special considerations and gives instructions

Then the contractor must comply

The other question is about specifications

We have issued DCMBI

It depends on the usual practice of the project team

The team would ask if the contractor can meet the requirement

whether there would be time implication or cost implication

It is clearly written in our internal instruction

If there is a time implication, there is no need to adopt

we will not delay project programme

Regarding costs, if there is a significant cost implication

CM will not issue site instruction (SI)

because some costs can be enormous

If it is found that the cost implication is not great

there is little impact on the programme, expense is not great

then the contract manager can review the project

go ahead at the early stage of work

These are good terms, so it is very clear

Without any SI from CM

contractors will not apply the new requirements. This is the way

Any other questions?

I represent contractors

The version 1.6 will be implemented. Can we ask the auditor

whenever marks are deducted for amended assessment items

to tell us at the closing meeting

because they may not understand the questions

especially the Critical Pass items

At the closing meeting, please state which items are deducted

so as to avoid appeals through OSHC

I hope we agree

For example, at SSIP or PASS

After the inspection visit

announcement of mark deduction can be made instantly

so that contractors can explain the details

I believe that will be more effective

Would you like me to reply to this question first?

We have guidelines for auditors

Our guidelines require auditors to mention

key things at the close meeting

especially critical pass items for attention of contractors

These items will be shared at the closing meeting

As for which question will be included in mark deduction

that would be difficult to answer

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SSIP purely goes by visual observation

If visual observation indicates ok, then it is a pass

Not ok, then mark would be deducted

The audit scheme is a holistic system

Of course, some questions can be given a mark on the spot

But there are questions that require review of documents

such as risk assessment

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if you would like auditors to explain for each individual question

whether marks will be deducted, pass or fail

It would be difficult to tell on the spot

The auditor will try to explain

audit findings and key observations

will also be shared at the closing meeting

Hi

My question is about SI. When SI is issued to comply with an item are there ways to help contractors to adopt the item?

Some items are only shown by a diagram with a few words

The main idea is to gather more information

This is in fact achievable

For example, RFID

Different software on the market will be useful

Different technologies can also help

It is just an idea

If you adopt a different approach but achieve the same effect

Then, it is acceptable

For example, in checking workers' certificates

Many contractors adopt RFID

Other software can produce the same effect

For applying RFID for detecting lowering of tower crane hook

Many companies can handle that

I believe it will not be difficult to gather related information

Hello, Mr. Fong

I represent contractors

I have a question about HASAS version 1.6

For advance civil engineering works

would there be major changes when HASAS is implemented?

I notice there is an item about Safety Climate Index Survey

If it is a new foundation contract that will be applicable

I would like to ask

if I am doing advance civil engineering works

do I have to abide by the Safe Climate Index Survey

For civil engineering works

I would think more than half of the items do not apply

Will there be any big changes?

Thank you

As far as I know

Safety Climate Index Survey applies only to building
and foundation contracts with contract period of a year or more

About civil engineering works

as far as I know, it is not applicable

unless your contract specifies otherwise

Thank you, everyone

We will take a short break now

When we return for Part 2

there will be another Q&A session

We will take more questions then

Please return in 10 minutes

Thank you

Thank you for watching