

**Construction Industry Council**

**Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme**

Meeting No. 001/22 of the Committee on Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (Com-RSC) for 2022 was held on 2 March 2022 (Wednesday) at 2:30pm via video conferencing.

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Summary Notes of the Com-RSC Meeting No. 001/22:

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Major Resolutions/Progress Highlights</b>
1.1	CIC/RSC/M/004/21 and CIC/RSC/M/001A/22 (for approval)	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  Members confirmed the minutes of the previous Meeting No. 004/21 held on 1 December 2021 and the regulatory hearing held on 13 January 2022.
1.2	-	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting</b>  Nil.
1.3	CIC/RSC/P/005/22 (for approval)	<b>Revision of relevant clauses of Rules and Procedures for the Register of Subcontractors concerning regulatory actions</b>  To enhance the regulation of Registered Subcontractors, the Com-RSC approved the revision of relevant clauses of the Rules and Procedures for the Register of Subcontractors for initiating inquiry into any conduct of registered companies with widened circumstances and aligning with the mechanism applicable to Registered Specialist Trade Contractors. The revised clauses would take effect from 1 April 2022 together with the new registration requirement of integrity management.

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1.4	CIC/RSC/P/006/22 and CIC/RSC/P/007/22 (for information)	<p><b>Brainstorming Session</b></p> <p><b>i) Explore the idea of imposing immediate regulatory action for fatal incident</b></p> <p>(a) Members discussed the idea of imposing immediate regulatory action for fatal incident. Members took note of existing regulatory system in public works, immediate action taken generally by Labour Department for fatal incident and then conducted in-depth discussions on the legal points and justifications as provided by the CIC’s legal consultant.</p> <p>(b) The Com-RSC agreed on strengthening the supervision towards fatal incident. In view of the complexity in site accidents that possibly involving multiple parties, factors and with limited information, it was suggested to retain the chance of explanation for the involved companies for the sake of procedural justice of the Scheme.</p> <p>(c) The Secretariat would consult the legal consultant on setting out the clauses concerning enhanced regulatory actions based on the discussions made by the Com-RSC for its further deliberation.</p> <p><b>ii) Explore the idea of adding Suspended Bamboo Scaffolding as new designated trade</b></p> <p>Members discussed the current registration mechanism for scaffolding trade, proposed elements of registration and implementation approaches tailored for suspended bamboo scaffolding trade and directed the Secretariat to consult relevant trade associations and union for knowing more about the actual operations for further deliberation.</p>
1.5	CIC/RSC/P/008/22 (for information)	<p><b>Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS) Operation Report</b></p> <p>(a) As of the end of January 2022, the total number of registered companies reached 7,840 (October 2021: 7,776) in which 1,834 (October 2021: 1,859) were Registered Specialist</p>

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		<p>Trade Contractors (RSTCs) and 6,006 (October 2021: 5,917) were Registered Subcontractors (RSs);</p> <p>(b) Regarding the ending of the transition period for Group 1 RSTCs of the seven designated trades by 31 March 2022, the Secretariat issued final reminders over subject companies' directors/proprietors on taking immediate actions and called with those not yet actioned and assisted them on submission of the required information for compliance with the registration requirements;</p> <p>(c) In view of implementation of the additional 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> designated trade, namely Suspended Ceiling and Tower Crane (Erecting, Dismantling and Altering Height) from 1 April 2022, the Secretariat completed sequentially preparation works such as updated the Scheme website and setting of the electronic application portal etc. and arranged two dedicated webinars on registration requirements and transitional arrangements for major trade associations' members and existing Registered Subcontractors respectively on 12 and 26 January 2022;</p> <p>(d) The CIC and ICAC jointly co-organised the webinar titled "New integrity management registration requirement and the latest developments of the Scheme" on 24 February 2022 with 1,327 participants. Meanwhile, the sixth registration element of integrity management would take effect from 1 April 2022;</p> <p>(e) The Secretariat would co-organise with trade associations a series of technical seminars of designated trades in order to promote professionalism, adoption of innovative technologies and best practices for uplifting quality, safety and productivity. The first webinar titled "Adoption of Innovative System Formwork in Construction" would be held on 28 April 2022.</p>
1.6	-	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Nil.</p>

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1.7	CIC/RSC/P/009/22 (for information)	<b>Regulatory Hearing</b>  Two regulatory hearings were held on 13 January and 2 March 2022 respectively. A total of seven registered companies were sanctioned with written warning and suspension of registration due to violations of safety regulations in fatal site accidents.

*Remarks: The mentioned papers discussed at the Com-RSC and/or the full Minutes can be made available to Council Members from the CIC Secretariat upon request.*