Updated Civil Defence Code Requirements in the Light of Recent High Rise Fires

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- Adrian is a fire service advisor with Dubai Civil Defence. His primary function is to provide support and advice to the Civil Defence for operational intervention, Fire preventative services and fire investigation.
- His role in this position currently involves the responsibility for the approval of fire related equipment, products and systems for DCD listing. This also includes the approval for all Dubai facade and cladding systems.
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- Adrian is a chartered fire engineer, a forensic fire investigator with the international association of arson investigators, a police officer with Thames Valley Police and also sits on the editorial board with BSI committee FH14 for British standards 9999, 9991 and 7974

Learning Objectives

- To review the new content of the UAE Fire and Life Safety Code
 2017
- 2. To provide an overview of the Dubai Civil Defence Equipment and Materials Listing Process
- 3. To Discuss the Function of the Civil Defence in the Municipality Building and Façade Approval process
- 4. To illustrate the Facade NOC process and discuss DCD expectations for the project Façade NOC application



- The 2017 Code seeks to instill higher standards of fire safety at all stages of construction.
- Companies involved in the installation of materials will now need to be registered and licensed by the Civil Defence. Previously, such registration was incumbent only on consultants and contractors.



- 20 chapters, 1,564 pages increased number of diagrams and reference tables.
- Facades and cladding systems
- Flammable liquids
- Fire Appliance Access
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Responsibilities
- Enforcement





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• Facades and cladding systems -CHAPTER 1!

NOT RETROSPECTIVE BUT RECOMMENDED TO BE UGRADED

Requirements for:

- Testing approved DCD Listing for materials and systems.
- Panel manufacturers responsible !
- 10 point approach to tackle Façade fires
- Certification of Inspectors ISO 17020/IAS AC 291

4.4.1. Ten Point Approach to tackle Façade Fires

Following 10 approaches have been adopted by UAE Civil Defence to tackle the causes of Façade flame spread, pointed out in **Section 4.3.9**.

- 4.4.1.1. Core of the Façade material shall be mineral core or non combustible core and tested in exposed form.
- 4.4.1.2. Façade panel as a product shall be tested.
- 4.4.1.3. Façade system as wall assembly shall be tested. (Or listed as per test requirements of this code)
- 4.4.1.4. Curtainwall, Perimeter joints and fire stopping shall be a listed system.
- 4.4.1.5. Cavity Fire Barrier bands shall be provided in concealed cavities between façade and primary substrate, at every slab.
- 4.4.1.6. Fire Breaks shall be provided vertically on exterior façade.
- 4.4.1.7. Exterior Sprinklers should be considered for the balconies having combustible facade. Interior window sprinklers should be considered for the glazing. See Chapter 9.
- 4.4.1.8. Consultants shall have competent and qualified façade specialists inhouse or shall hire Civil Defence approved house of expertise who have experience and expertise in façade consultancy for Façade design, system selection and supervision of the façade contractor.
- 4.4.1.9. Façade contractor and fabricator shall be approved by Civil Defence, with valid Civil Defence License.
- 4.4.1.10. Façade installation shall be inspected throughout installation process and certified by Consultant or Civil Defence approved House of Expertise.





• Facades and cladding systems -CHAPTER 1!

Requirements for:

- Testing approved DCD Listing for materials and systems.
- Panel manufacturers responsible
- 10 point approach to tackle Façade fires
- Consultant responsible for: Design and specification approval Installation as per design During installation and final inspection
- General Requirements for Façade systems
- Specific performance requirements for MCP/ACPs, EIFS, ETICS, PEWFS and Sandwich Panels





	SUBSTRUCTURE SYSTEM		Table 1.16.a.: PEWFS on Non-Fire Resistance rated and Non-Load bearing Exterior wall coverings- Test Requirements		
APPROVED FIRE RATED SEALANT	PANEL HOLDER APPROVED NON-COMBUSTIBLE THERMAL (To density as per listing)	INSULATION	OCCUPANCY AND TYPE OF BUILDING	TEST 1	TEST 2
				PEWES PANEL AS PRODUCT	WALL ASSEMBLY
		CAVITY FIR	1. SUPER HIGHRISE BUILDING	i. EN 13501-1 With pass criteria	iii. BS 8414 – 1 Or 2 With pass criteria
		BARRIER A STRUCTUR COLUMN	3. MALLS	AND	OR
			4. THEME PARKS	ii. ASTM D1929 With pass criteria	iv. NFPA 285 With pass criteria
J.			5. SCHOOLS	PEWFS shall have self igni- tion temperature of not	"Pass"
			6. HOSPITALS		v. FM 4881
			7. ASSEMIDLT		With pass criteria "Pass"
		BLOCKWALL A			OR
STEEL FLASHING ENVELOPING INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR	WINDOW/DOOR/VENTILATION CAVIT OPENING SLAB	TY FIRE NER AT EVERY			vi. ISO 13785-2 With pass criteria "Pass"
,	WINDOW FLASHING MATERIAL/APPROVED SEALANT	ŀ			

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• Flammable liquids

Removal of LPG cylinders from buildings

Requirements for:

- Fixed installations and LPG alternatives
- Increased reliance on electricity (!!!!)







• Fire Appliance Access

Increased /Rationalised Fire Vehicle access widths





Renewable Energy Systems

Installation/ Materials/ Firefighter safety









Responsibilities'

New and clear responsibility for:

Consultants Developers Owners Tenants Designers FM Managers School Managers Hospital Managers

Following construction, both the main works consultant and manufacturer of any fire safety materials will be required to sign-off jointly on completion of the project before obtaining the final approval from the Civil Defence.

Consultants will remain responsible for defects for at least one year following delivery of a project





• Enforcement

Fines on building consultants in relation to faulty or unapproved fire safety material and work are to be introduced.

Penalties also include criminal prosecution and fines between AED 500 to AED 50,000 per violation.

All DCD Stations will have local inspectors who will record the inspection.







DCD Equipment and Materials Approvals Process

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DCD Approvals Process RENEWAL AND APPLICATION ISSUES

- Use of out of date test standards
- In correct testing
- Corrupted certification and testing by approved laboratories' and test houses
- False, corrupted, inauthentic COCs and data
- Out of date tests
- Test data corrupted
- No legal link from manufacturer to brand
- False manufacturing country claims
- Un signed, corrupted seals and signatures
- In complete data in COC

Technical Reviews always required but on a risk based sliding







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the state	PDC0	
Model:		
Trade name to equipment		الاسم الشهاري
Factory name		اسم المصنع
Made In:	UAE	بلد الصنع
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Informatio	n to be Followed as per Certificate and Test Report.	
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	Checked for Dub	ai Civil Defence
	Signature:	



The report identifies your product data and must match the certified information within the COC – Please be aware that any attempt to mislead or provide inaccurate or fraudulent information will be reported for prosecution.

Company Signatory Name:

Signature:



DCD Façade NOC Process



Factors involved with fire development in Façade systems



- Readily Façade Material Combustible Core(Insulation/Sealants/panels)
- Inferior Façade Panel Integrity (Poor Panel manufacturing)
- Non tested and non listed façade, sealant and fire stopping systems
- Field Panels not as tested
- Poor Installation of Façade and Fire Stopping Syst
- Lack of thermal and cavity barriers









DCD Façade NOC Process







DCD Façade NOC Process



ACP/MCM system Approval as per the UAE Code





10 Point Approval





CONSTRUCTION

4. Façade and Exterior Wall Covering Systems

4.1. Applicability

4.1.1. The provision of this section specifies the minimum requirements for tl tion, combustibility, surface burning and flame spread ratings, design, i





DCD Façade NOC Process



- DCD Façade NOC submission review
 - Should take the form of a comprehensive engineering report/ design note
 - May contain appropriate Engineering Judgements carried out by:
 - the HOE,
 - Façade Engineer or
 - Appropriate and Competent Engineer
 - 'Paints the picture'
 - Focus on a Gap Analysis between the 'Benchmark' and Project Design
 - Suggested Content should include:
 - Project and system description
 - Gap Analysis with benchmarked listed system and products, Geometry, balconies, projections
 - Fire risk analysis where necessary
 - Justification of variations
 - Colour Coded Elevations
 - Detailed Shop drawings perimeter fire stopping, cavity barriers
 - Undertakings including manufacturer

INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTATION ACCOUNTS FOR 80 -85% DELAYS IN NOC PROCESSING TIME!

DCD Façade NOC Process



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Ministry of Interior General Directorate of Civil Defence – Dubai Department of Preventive Safety

 Kind Attn: Director – Preventive Safety Dept.

 Subject:
 Undertaking | Exterior Façade System

 Project:
 xxx
 Plot No.: xxx

We hereby confirm that following exterior wall covering / façade systems are approved on this project;

ACP	🗹 Curtain-wall	Glazing	EIFS
GRC	Concrete Panel	MgO Board	[✔ Stone
Polycarbonate	Solid Aluminum	Any other (Specify	y):

We have approved the above-proposed material submittals for this project. We undertake that only Civil Defence approved products/systems shall be used.

We undertake that inspection of on-site installation at 20%, 40%, 60%, 80% & 100% shall be conducted and reports for each stage shall be prepared for Civil Defence submission.

We also understand and agree that in case of failure to implement the provisions of this approval, Civil Defence may withdraw the approval unconditionally.

Thanks & Regards,

Name: xxx Designation: xxx For and on behalf of xxxx (the Consultant)

Organization Stamp



DCD Façade NOC Process Common causes of Rejection

- Lack of analysis by HOE library of approval documents!
- No clear statement of compliance 'Expected', 'Recommended' 'Assumed'
- Un justified/acknowledged variation in Benchmarked products;
 - Joint sealants and Gaskets Non FR for FR
 - Cavity Barriers GI?represntative?
 - Opening Flashings (Fire v Thermal performance?)
 - Base Wall construction
- Building Geometry assessment Balconies, Projections, Canopies
- Open, Closed joint systems
- Vertical Panel Joints not tested
- Cavity widths
- Perimeter Fire Stopping EJs' misunderstanding of performance

- Spandrels, Sprinklers smoke v Smoke, heat and fire

Façade Assessment and Feedback

Metal Composite Materials and Panels	I I	
Requirements	Compliance (Y/N)	Comments
General:		
Core of the façade material shall be mineral core or non-combustible cored and tested in exposed form		
Façade panel as a product shall be tested		
Façade system as wall assembly shall be tested		
Curtain wall, perimeter joints and fire be a listed system		
Fire breaks shall be provided vertically on exterior facade		
The breaks shall be provided vertically offekterior façade		
Cavity fire barrier bands shall be provided in concealed cavities between facade and primary substrate		
at every slab		
Cavity fire barriers shall be incorporated into façade design at every floor vertically to restrict flame		
spread laterally		
Cavity Fire barriers shall be of non-combustible material		
Cavity fire barrier shall be 100mm high band and should run through insulation horizontally at each		
floor level and vertically on each face of the façade		
Detailed:		
Minimum exterior skin thickness of 0.5mm		
Minimum interior skin thickness of 0.25mm		
Maximum panel thickness of 6.3mm		
Permitted to be installed on the façade and exterior of type I, type II, type III or type IV construction		
MCM/ACP shall be marked/labeled to verify its certification mark from accredited certification		
laboratory		
MCM/ACP core is not foam plastic or LDPE, or any expanded plastic less than 320kg/m3		
wicki/ACP core has been tested and evaluated separately		
Building type 1-7 (on non-fire rated wall) - Test 1: MCM/ACP core and papel as product (all of below)		
Core shall be mineral core OR non-combustible core, tested with the thickness intended to the		
following criteria;		
EN 13501-1 Core, metal sking and adhesives shall be tested with pass criteria A1 OR A2-s1-d0		
ASTM D1929 with pass criteria, MCM/ACP shall have self ignition temperature of not less than 3430C		
Building type 8 - 11 (on non-fire rated wall) - Test 1: MCM/ACP core and panel as product (all of below)	
following criteria:		
EN 13501-1 Core, metal sking and adhesives shall be tested with pass criteria B-s1-d0		
ASTM D1929 with pass criteria, MCM/ACP shall have self ignition temperature of not less than 3430C		
Building type 1-11 (on non fire rated wall) - Test 2: MCM/ACP panels as wall assembly (either of below	•)	
Bs 8414-1 or 2 with pass criteria as per BRE 135		
NFPA 285 with pass criteria "pass"		
FM 4881 with pass criteria pass		
ISO 15785-2 with pass criteria pass		
All buildings (on fire rated wall) - Test 1: MCM/ACP core and panel as product (all of below)		
Core shall be mineral core OR non-combustible core, tested with the thickness intended to the		
following criteria;		
EN 13501-1 Core, metal sking and adhesives shall be tested with pass criteria A1 OR A2-s1-d0		
ASTM D1929 with pass criteria, MCM/ACP shall have self ignition temperature of not less than 3430C		
All Buildings (on non fire rated wall) - Test 2: MCM/ACP panels as wall assembly (either of below)		
ASTIVE E 113 WITH pass criteria 1 hour or 2 hour or 3 hour as per required fire rating of the wall		
EN 1362-3 with pass criteria "1 hour or 2 hour or 3 hour as per required fire rating of the wall		
EN 1362-4 with pass criteria "1 hour or 2 hour or 3 hour as per required interating of the wall		
Product approved by Dubai Civil Defence material department		
Manufacterur registered and approved with Dubai Civil Defence		
1. Super High Rise		
2. High Rise		

INSUFFICIENT ANALYSIS BY H.O.E ACCOUNTS FOR 75 % PROCESSING TIME DELAYS!

System:	Exterior Cladding - Replacement
Main Consultant:	YOUNG Engineering Consultancy Services
Main Contractor:	Fix Concrete Technologies Contracting
Facade Contractor:	NA
House of Expertise:	Locke Carey
Project:	Adriatic Building Oceana Residence Fire Damage Repa
Plot:	381-101
Area:	The Palm, Dubai, UAE.
Consultant's Report/NOC	Reference: TKS/CEDSR-26894/381-101/2017

Dubai Civil Defence have no objection to the proposed replacement of the existing ACP Cladding System for the above project, which is found by the HOE to be acceptable based on the following:

- The building is considered as a 15 storey high-rise building, and is fully sprinklered in accordance with NFPA 13.
- The existing ACP system will be removed from the vertical façade area which forms the external envelope to the stair and lift cores.
- The main Consultant is directly responsible to ensure the replacement system complies fully with the UAE Fire and Life Safety code 2017.
- The proposed replacement cementitious render system comprises, stainless steel mesh with steel mechanical fixings,15-80mm cementitious render and water based primer and top coat paint systems.
- Fire stopping/ fire barriers (vertical and horizontal) are not to be provided as this system encloses the envelope with non-combustible materials.
- ConMix LLC are to provide all the above mentioned rendering system. ConMix and their products are not listed with the DCD at this time.
- Dubai Central Laboratory and Dubai Civil Defence approved 50mm Fujairah Rockwool is to be provided within the internal surfaces of the staircores and will be finished with 12.7mm Gypsum board and a fire rated paint system to ensure class O surface spread of flame.
- Only Water based acrylic or cementitious vapor barrier may be applied where necessary which must be approved by DCD.
- Inspection of this ONGOING project shall be carried out by the HOUSE OF EXPERTISE as per the attached declaration.

The proposal is accepted by the HOE that the system complies fully with the UAE Fire Code 2017. It is the HOE responsibility, together with the main consultant, to monitor and ensure compliance with the above items and the UAE fire code

Please see attachments and drawing. This NOC of the proposed cladding is only for this project (Adriatic, Oceania). The NOC is null and void under any circumstances of rework, change, modification or renovation of this project from above declaration.

The acceptance of cladding is invalid without undertaking letters and the House Expertise report.

Adrian Brown 31th October 2017

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النظام:	نظام التكسية الخارجية
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المقاول الرئيسي:	شركة رمال الإمارات للمقاولات
مقاول التكسية:	يويرو كون للصناعات المعدنية
تركيب الزجاج:	غير معروف
الشركة المورّدة للوحة:	يويرو كون لمقاولات البناء
بيت الخبرة:	غير معروف/ لا ينطبق
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تقرير الاستشاري:

- نظام التكسية الخارجية على المشروع المذكور أعلاه مقبول بناء على ما يلي (انظر المرفق).
- يحب أن يتوافق نظام التكسية الخارجية مع كود الإمارات 2017. يجب تركيب حواجز حريق أفقية وعمودية.
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- ألواح التكسية المقترحة من (Alucopanel USA FR A2) حيث تم اختبارها وفقا ل NFPA 285 مون فئة (A) للوحة والمادة الداخلية وفقا ASTM E 84 ويحقق (A0-d3-d0) وفقا للمعيار الأوروبي 1-1350 EN كما اجتازت اختبار الاشتعال ل 500 ° وفقا ASTM D1929 وتحتير مقبولة.
 - نظام إيقاف الحريق (PROTECTA FR) وهو عازل أكريليك وجرافيت للألواح المقاومة للحريق وتغليف الأتابيب المقاوم للحريق. وهو نظام معتمد لدى الإدارة العامة للدفاع المدنى بدني.
 - بالنسبة لجميع ألواح التكسية وأنظمة إيقاف الحريق وأنظمة التوصيل والعوازل إلخـ يجب أن تكون من المواد والأنظمة المعتمدة لدى الإدارة العامة للدفاع المدني بدبي يجب تركيب حواجز حريق أفقية (انظر التقرير المرفق).
 - التفتيش الميداني في هذا المشروع الجاري يجب أن يتم بواسطة بيت الخبرة وفقا للتعهد المرفق.

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15 أغسطس 2017



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