**Name:**

**Organisation:**

**Type of organisation :**

**(Regulatory body, fire and rescue services, fire safety engineering/consultancy, third party body, research institute, Architect, Manufacturer…)**

**Email:**

**Consultation: Thursday 23rd January until Monday 23rd March**

**BACKGROUND**

This consultation seeks views on the proposed International Fire Safety Standard Coalition Common Principles

At present, the many contrasting approaches and requirements across the world have resulted in significant variations in the design, approval, construction methods, products and operation of buildings. In some cases, certain regions or nations may not have their own building regulatory documents and may depend upon national and international references for the design and regulation of buildings (i.e. IBC, NFPA). The development of a common understanding of building design, construction and management and how the impact of fire affect these will help to build trust and confidence amongst the many and varied stakeholders.

**APPROACH**

The IFSS Coalition believes that sharing knowledge of the principles of fire safety which have been adopted around the globe represents an important opportunity to educate stakeholders and improve protection for people and buildings from the risk of fire and could help drive improvements in safety in both developed and developing economies. This first edition of IFSS-CP primarily focuses upon safety principles rather than attempting to standardize specific testing methods as a first step towards establishing a common framework and attempt to minimise the social and economic impact of fire on communities.

**Q1. Do you agree with the approach of establishing overarching principles rather than looking at prescriptive requirements? If so why and if not please explain your thinking.**

(Add your comments here)

**Q2. Do you believe that the International Fire Safety Standard Common Principles and Framework**

**will be beneficial for your purposes? If yes, how and in what circumstances would you use it? If no,**

**why not?**

(Add your comments here)

**OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives set in place by the IFSS **Coalition** were to 1) research existing relevant fire safety Principles and Fire Codes for Buildings to identify current good practice and to evaluate deficiencies in markets and thereby establish different market needs, and 2) develop a conceptual framework which will guide the drafting and understanding of **IFSS-Common Principles** into the future. (see the Consultation Document for the complete aims and objectives).

**Q3. Does the draft IFSS-CP meet the aims and objectives from the Coalition as described on**

**Section 1,2 page XX of the attached Consultation Document? If not, why?**

(Add your comments here)

**COMMON PRINCIPLES**

IFSS CP states that the following 5 Principles shown below, should be considered at each stage of the Property Life.

* Prevention
* Detection & Communication
* Occupant Safety
* Containment
* Extinguishment

**Q4. Do you believe that there are any other principles that need to be added? If yes, what are they and why should they be added?**

(Add your comments here)

**SUB PRINCIPLES**

Section 3 provides an indicative list of “sub-principles” that should be considered at each stage of the property life cycle.

**Q5. Are there any sub principles that you feel should be added to this list? Please provide the**

**Principle (i.e. Prevention, Detection, Occupant Safety, Containment, Extinguishment) and Stage**

**(i.e. 1,2,3,4,5) together with your reasoning behind any additions or removals.**

(Add your comments here)

**Q6. Do you believe that the IFSS CP reflect or would be able to enhance, support or advance the current market practices and regulatory framework within your market? If not, why not?**

(Add your comments here)

**GENERAL FEEDBACK**

**Q7. What additional information or requirements would you like to see included in future editions of IFSS CP.**

(Add your comments here)

**NEXT STEPS**

For next actions, it is the plan of the Coalition and Standards Setting Committee to develop a broader taxonomy on common fire safety terms and undertake the task of compiling the appropriate existing regulatory codes, standards, and guidelines that govern various regions. The enormity of this task has been considered; however, it appears to be the next logical development in satisfying these objectives.

**Q8. Which of the following would be helpful for the IFSS SSC to work on next? Please provide your reasoning for the option(s) chosen below. If there are other matters that you think the IFSS SSC should work on next, please provide the option(s) and your reasoning.**

1. **A glossary of common fire safety terms**
2. **A directory of and roadmap to existing regulatory codes,**
3. **Standards,**
4. **Guidelines**

(Add your comments here)

**Q9. Do you have any further comments?**

(Add your comments here)