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1. Definition of confined spaces 密閉空間定義

Under Cap59AE, Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Confined Spaces) Regulation Under Section 2 of regulation, the definition of confined spaces is as follow: confined space (密閉空間) means

- 1. any place in which, by virtue of its enclosed nature and
- 2. there arises a reasonably foreseeable specified risk

根據第59AE章《工廠及工業經營(密閉空間)規例》 根據規例第二條密閉空間 (confined space)指

- 1. 任何被圍封的地方及
- 2. 而基於其被圍封的性質,會產生可合理預見的指明危險
- 2. Under what conditions a person must put on BA (breathing apparatus) for works in confined spaces (在何種情況之下進入密閉空間工作必須佩戴呼吸器具)

Under Code of Practice for Safety and Health at Work in Confined Spaces 2.10, When assessing whether a particular job constitutes "underground pipework" under section 9(b) of the Confined Spaces Regulation, the following determining factors should be considered:

- (a) whether the work is performed within a confined space as interpreted under section 2 of the Confined Spaces Regulation;
- (b) whether the aforementioned confined space is located underground; and
- (c) whether the work involves any pipework which would have specified risk associated with atmospheric hazard.

Note: If not all the above factors are met, BA is not a must unless specified by Competent Person in Risk Assessment.

根據密閉空間工作的 安全與健康工作守則2.10 在評定某工作是否屬《密閉空間規例》第 9(b)條所指的「地底喉管工作」時,應考 慮的決定性因素包括:

- (a) 該工作是否在符合《密閉空間規例》第 2 條釋義的密閉空間內進行;
- (b) 前述的密閉空間是否在地底;及
- (c) 該工作是否涉及任何喉管工作而可能具有與空氣危害相關的指明危險

註:除合資格人士風險評估建議外,如不能符合以上3點,則不須佩戴呼吸器具。