

Cladding - Building (Construction) Regulation 69

Recently the Dangerous Buildings Division had to remove the curtain walling from the face of a building as an emergency, following a police report that the curtain wall was coming away from the face of the building. On subsequent investigation it was discovered that the whole of the curtain wall was fixed to the face of the building only by pairs of shot-fired pins at 3'0" centres in two rows per storey height.

2. The provisions of Building (Construction) Regulation 69 specify the requirements relating to cladding in buildings and those of Building (Construction) Regulation 85 the general requirements for satisfying the Building Authority on the soundness of design of any structure. Cladding is herein taken to include curtain walling.

3. Where cladding is to be affixed as a facing or an architectural feature on any proposed building, details of the materials and method of fixing must be included in the plans submitted to the Building Authority for approval. Furthermore, structural details (including the erection procedures and calculations to show that the cladding/curtain walling is of adequate strength and stability) will be required for consideration and approval and failure to submit this information may attract a refusal of proposals under Section 16(1)(i) of the Buildings Ordinance.

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