

Schornsteinfegerinnung Darmstadt

(Association of Chimney Sweepers Darmstadt)

Statutory Body under Public Law – Technical Department –

Schornsteinfegerinnung Darmstadt, Hch-Hertz-Str. 20, 63225 Langen

**Landgasthof
Pension Neubauer
Westring 3/a**

63500 Seligenstadt

Langen, 10.09.99

Expert Assessment

**Re: The ventilated ceiling installed by GIF mbH in the kitchen of the
Hotel "Pension Neubauer", Westring 3/a, 63500 Seligenstadt**

At the request of the GIF Ventilator and Extractor Ceilings Company, Freiburg mbH and the Technical Department of the Association of Chimney Sweepers, Darmstadt, an onsite-visit was arranged for 12 May 1999 by Mr Klaus-Peter Stallknecht, the official expert who had been engaged and sworn in for the purpose of clarifying the question of the „Certification of Secure Use“ according to §80 Paragraph 2 HBO.

As the above-mentioned expert was able to see by direct inspection on site, no defects were found in relation to the installed ventilated ceiling, the built in gas fired heaters in the commercial kitchen of the Hotel „Pension Neubauer“ and the steam-removal chimney (see page 2, pictures 3 + 4).

From the way they have been installed, ventilated ceilings cannot be judged in accordance with the Facility-Ventilation guidelines. These Facility Ventilation Guidelines are applicable only to commercial steam-removal hoods and for down standing extraction equipment.

As a result, the ventilated ceiling installed by GIF mbH can only be assessed by independent testing establishments (see attachment ULC-Laboratories and Institute for Building Materials) in relation to material, fire-protection and usability (International Assessment Agencies – EU-Norm and Testing Agencies).

In this case the appointed Master Chimney Sweepers can only be held responsible for the installation of fire places (see attachment CE-Certification of combination ovens) and their combustion supply (with particular reference to extracted air).

There is nothing to prevent a certification of "Secure Use" in accordance with § 80 2 HBO being granted by the appointed Master Chimney Sweeper Mr Moran, who is responsible for the matter.

Yours faithfully

Klaus Dieter Köbler
Association Technical Supervisor

(signed) Klaus-Peter Stallknecht
Deputy Association Technical Supervisor

Encs.

1. ULC-Laboratories
2. Institute for Building Materials, Delft (Fire Issues)
3. DVGW-CE Sample Building Assessment Certificate