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PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT (CHAPTER 261)

PUBLIC UTILITIES (WATER SUPPLY) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 72 of the Public Utilities Act, the Public Utilities Board, with the approval of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 and come into operation on 25 March 2019.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations (Rg 5) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting the definition of “potable water” and substituting the following definition:

““NEWater” means NEWater supplied through the water reticulation system of the Board to persons who have entered into an agreement with the Board for the supply of such water;”.

Deletion and substitution of heading to Part II

3. Part II of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the Part heading and substituting the following Part heading:

“WATER FITTINGS, WATER SERVICE
INSTALLATIONS, ETC. — WATER SUPPLIED BY
BOARD”.

New regulation 3A

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately before regulation 4 in Part II, the following regulation:

“Application of this Part

3A. This Part applies in relation to every water fitting, apparatus, pump, water service installation, hot water apparatus, water heater or any other thing mentioned in this Part, used for the supply of water by the Board.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

5. Regulation 4(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “potable water” wherever they appear and substituting in each case the words “piped water suitable for drinking”.

Amendment of regulation 5

6. Regulation 5(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(c) if used for the conveyance of piped water suitable for drinking supplied by the Board, fit for such conveyance;”.

Amendment of regulation 9

7. Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “to have the water fitting” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “to have a sample of the water fitting”;
- (b) by deleting the words “and such person must deliver samples of the water fitting to the accredited laboratory or testing laboratory” in paragraph (1);

- (c) by deleting the words “the Board is satisfied” in paragraph (3) and substituting the words “the Board informs the person that the Board is satisfied”; and
- (d) by deleting the words “Where the Board is not satisfied that the water fitting is fit for use in a water service installation, the person referred to in paragraph (1)” in paragraph (4) and substituting the words “Where the Board informs the person who receives a notice mentioned in paragraph (1) that the Board is not satisfied that the water fitting is fit for use in a water service installation, the person”.

Amendment of regulation 14

8. Regulation 14 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “potable water” in paragraphs (1)(a) and (2) and substituting in each case the words “piped water suitable for drinking (excluding NEWater)”.

New Part III

9. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 15, the following Part:

“PART III

WATER FITTINGS, WATER SERVICE INSTALLATIONS, ETC. — WATER SUPPLIED BY APPROVED PERSONS

Division 1 — Prescribed requirements under section 42(1) of Act for approved persons

Application of this Division

16. This Division applies, for the purposes of section 42(1) of the Act, to every approved person in relation to every water fitting, apparatus, pump, water service installation, hot water apparatus, water heater or any other thing mentioned in this Division used by the approved person to supply piped water suitable for drinking.

Requirements for installation, etc., of water fittings, etc.

17.—(1) An approved person must not —

- (a) install, alter, repair or use; or
- (b) cause or permit to be or to remain installed, altered, repaired or used,

any water fitting, apparatus or pump in such a manner that —

- (c) affects or is likely to affect the quality of the piped water suitable for drinking supplied by the approved person (including in any water main or other pipe of the approved person);
- (d) causes or permits, or is likely to cause or permit, contamination of the piped water suitable for drinking supplied by the approved person; or
- (e) does not conform to any applicable requirement specified in the First Schedule or any standard, code of practice or guidelines adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3.

(2) An approved person must not install, or cause or permit to be or to remain installed, any water fitting, apparatus or pump which —

- (a) is damaged, worn or faulty;
- (b) for any reason —
 - (i) affects or is likely to affect the quality of the piped water suitable for drinking supplied by the approved person (including in any water main or other pipe of the approved person); or
 - (ii) causes or permits, or is likely to cause or permit, contamination of the piped water suitable for drinking supplied by the approved person; or
- (c) does not conform to any applicable requirement specified in regulation 18, the First Schedule or any standard, code of practice or guidelines adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3.

(3) Where a water service installation, or any part of the water service installation, is intended only to receive or convey the approved person's supply of piped water suitable for drinking, the approved person must not —

- (a) install, alter, repair or use; or
- (b) cause or permit to be or to remain installed, altered, repaired or used,

the water service installation or any part of the water service installation, in such a manner that it receives or conveys any other water.

Requirements for water fittings

18.—(1) An approved person must ensure that every water fitting is —

- (a) of an appropriate quality and standard;
- (b) suitable for the circumstances in which it is used;
- (c) fit for the conveyance of piped water suitable for drinking;
- (d) except in the case of exposed terminal fittings such as taps, resistant to dezincification if such fitting is made of brass; and
- (e) capable of withstanding a hydrostatic field test pressure of not less than 12 bars or an internal water pressure of not less than 1½ times the maximum pressure to which the fitting is designed to be subjected in operation, whichever is the greater.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), a water fitting is of an appropriate quality and standard only if it conforms to —

- (a) such standard as the Board may stipulate from time to time for compliance, being —
 - (i) an appropriate Singapore Standard;
 - (ii) an appropriate British Standard; or