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## PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT (CHAPTER 261)

# PUBLIC UTILITIES (WATER SUPPLY) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2014

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, hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1 January 2015.

### **New Part IVA**

**2.** The Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations (Rg 5) are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 40A, the following Part:

## "PART IVA

## WATER EFFICIENCY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

### **Definitions for this Part**

**40B.** In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —

- "business activity" means an activity, or a series of activities (including ancillary activities), that involves the use of water in the course of business operations;
- "business activity indicator" means a measure of business activity that takes into account the business operations of a qualifying consumer;

- "chief executive" means any person, however described, who is in the direct employment of, or acting for or by arrangement with, a qualifying consumer, and is principally responsible for the management and conduct of the business operations of the qualifying consumer;
- "former qualifying consumer" means a consumer which has ceased to be a qualifying consumer;
- "private meter" means any appliance or device, whether or not supplied by the Board, which is used to measure, ascertain or regulate the amount of water taken or used from a supply of water, but is not used for the purposes of calculating any water rates or charges payable to the Board;
- "qualifying consumer" means a consumer which satisfies the requirements specified in regulation 40C(1);
- "regulatory period", in relation to a qualifying consumer, means a period of 3 years starting on 1 January of any calendar year;
- "representative" means any person who ---
  - (*a*) is in the direct employment of, or acting for or by arrangement with, a qualifying consumer; and
  - (b) is appointed by the qualifying consumer to assist the qualifying consumer in submitting a water efficiency management plan in accordance with regulation 40H;

- (a) the amount of water entering a site at which a business activity is carried out;
- (b) the amount of water used for each business activity at the site; and
- (c) the amount of water leaving the site;
- "water usage area" means any area within a site at which a business activity is carried out, and includes an area specified in the Fourth Schedule;
- "water use threshold" means the level of water use specified in regulation 40C(2).

### Qualifying consumer

**40C.**—(1) A consumer is a qualifying consumer in respect of a regulatory period if any business activity of the consumer has attained the water use threshold specified in paragraph (2) in the calendar year immediately preceding the start of the regulatory period.

(2) The water use threshold referred to in paragraph (1) is 60,000 cubic metres of water use per calendar year.

(3) The water use mentioned in paragraph (2) does not include the supply of water to ships and water boats, whether or not that water is supplied by the Board.

#### Notification by qualifying consumer

**40D.**—(1) A consumer (including a former qualifying consumer) must, within the period of 3 months after the consumer first becomes a qualifying consumer, notify the Board, in accordance with paragraph (2), of the fact that the consumer is a qualifying consumer.

(2) A notification under paragraph (1) must —

(a) be given —

- (i) using the relevant form provided in the electronic service at the Board's Internet website at http://www.pub.gov.sg; and
- (ii) in the manner specified by the Board; and
- (b) be accompanied by the following information and documents:
  - (i) registered name of the consumer;
  - (ii) Singapore unique entity number of the consumer;
  - (iii) principal place of business of the consumer;
  - (iv) name, designation, contact details and identification number of the chief executive of the consumer;
  - (v) name, designation, contact details and identification number of each representative of the consumer;
  - (vi) address of the site of each business activity of the consumer, and the water account number for that site;

- (viii) the business profile of the consumer (if any);
  - (ix) a signed statement, from the chief executive of the consumer, that the information submitted is accurate and complete;
  - (x) such other information or documents as may be specified in the form provided or as may be required by the Board.

(3) A consumer which contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

## Notification of ceasing to be qualifying consumer

**40E.**—(1) A consumer ceases to be a qualifying consumer on the first happening of either of the following events:

- (a) the consumer continuously during the regulatory period never attains the water use threshold;
- (b) the consumer ceases the consumer's business operations.

(2) A consumer which ceases to be a qualifying consumer must notify the Board, in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4), of the fact that the consumer ceases to be a qualifying consumer.

(3) A notification under paragraph (2) must —

- (a) be given
  - (i) using the relevant form provided in the electronic service at the Board's Internet website at http://www.pub.gov.sg; and
  - (ii) in the manner specified by the Board;
- (b) be accompanied by the following information and documents:
  - (i) in the case of a consumer which continuously during the regulatory period never attains the water use threshold, bills and other records (if any) showing the water usage and the amount of each type of water used at each site of business activity of the consumer;

- (ii) in the case of a consumer which has ceased its business operations, documentary proof that the consumer has ceased its business operations; and
- (iii) such other information or documents as may be specified in the form provided or as may be required by the Board; and
- (c) be made
  - (i) in the case of a consumer which continuously during the regulatory period never attains the water use threshold, within the period of 3 months after the consumer ceases to be a qualifying consumer; or
  - (ii) in the case of a consumer which has ceased its business operations, within the period of 3 months after the date on which the consumer ceased its business operations.

(4) The relevant form referred to in paragraph (3)(a)(i) must be endorsed by the chief executive of the consumer.

(5) Without prejudice to paragraph (2) —

- (a) a consumer which intends to cease its business operations may notify the Board in writing of the consumer's intention to do so; and
- (b) the notification must be accompanied by documentary proof that the consumer intends to cease its business operations.

(6) A consumer which contravenes paragraph (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

### Register of qualifying consumers, etc.

**40F.** The Board may maintain a register in such form and containing such particulars as the Board may determine of every qualifying consumer and every former qualifying consumer.