

Sewerage and Drainage (Trade Effluent) (Amendment) Regulations 2006

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SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE ACT
(CHAPTER 294)

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE (TRADE EFFLUENT) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 74(1) of the Sewerage and Drainage 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 Sewerage and Drainage (Trade Effluent) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st August 2006.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Sewerage and Drainage (Trade Effluent) Regulations (Rg 5) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “grease trap”, the following definition:

“ “blood waste” includes human blood, animal blood and any fluid, matter or material which is contaminated with blood;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “grease trap”, the following definitions:

“ “infectious disease” means any disease —

(a) specified in the First Schedule to the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137); or

(b) which is caused, or is suspected to be caused, by a micro-organism or any agent of disease and is capable of transmission by any means to human beings or animals;

“infectious waste” means any waste which contains or may produce pathogens of an infectious disease and includes —

- (a) cultures and stocks of agents of the infectious disease from a laboratory;
- (b) in relation to a person who has been diagnosed as having or suspected to have the infectious disease, or who has died whilst being diagnosed as having or suspected to have the infectious disease —
 - (i) any waste from the person or the body of the person, as the case may be;
 - (ii) any waste from a surgery performed on the person or autopsy performed on the body of the person, as the case may be; and
 - (iii) any fluid, matter or material that has come into contact with the person or the body of the person, as the case may be; and
- (c) in relation to an animal which is inoculated with an agent of the infectious disease, or which has been diagnosed as having or suspected to have the infectious disease, or which has died whilst being diagnosed as having or suspected to have the infectious disease —
 - (i) any waste from the animal or the body of the animal, as the case may be;
 - (ii) any waste from a surgery performed on the animal or autopsy performed on the body of the animal, as the case may be; and
 - (iii) any fluid, matter or material that has come into contact with the animal or the body of the animal, as the case may be;”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 (2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “section 17 (4)” and substituting the words “section 16 (4)”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4 (1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “section 17 (1)” and substituting the words “section 16 (1)”.

Amendment of regulation 5

5. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “flow-meters” and substituting the words “measuring devices”;
- (b) by renumbering the regulation as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) Any person who discharges trade effluent into any sewerage system shall install a pre-treatment plant if the Board so requires and shall —

- (a) use or operate the plant to treat trade effluent before discharging the trade effluent into the sewerage system; and
 - (b) maintain the plant in an efficient condition at all times.”; and
- (c) by deleting the regulation heading and substituting the following regulation heading:

“Pre-treatment plant, monitoring and control devices, etc.”.

Amendment of regulation 9

6. Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - “(a) any toxic industrial waste specified in the first column of the Schedule to the Environmental Public Health (Toxic Industrial Waste) Regulations (Cap. 95, Rg 11);”;
- (b) by deleting the word “solvent” in paragraph (c) and substituting the word “substance”;

(c) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(d) any organic compound specified in the First Schedule;”;

(d) by deleting paragraph (j) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(j) any substance of a nature or quantity which is likely, either alone, in combination with or by interaction with another substance —

(i) to cause a fire or an explosion in the public sewer or a sewerage system to which the public sewer is connected;

(ii) to cause damage to the public sewer or a sewerage system to which the public sewer is connected; or

(iii) to interfere with —

(A) the proper working of a sewerage system to which the public sewer is connected, or any facility, machinery or equipment related or connected to the sewerage system;

(B) the proper working of any facility, machinery or equipment which treats sewage from the public sewer for reuse;

(C) any process of treating trade effluent or other waste or refuse from the public sewer; or

(D) any process of treating sewage from the public sewer for reuse;”;
and

(e) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (k) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:

“(l) blood waste;

(m) infectious waste.”.