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Dear Sir/Madam

1) NEW - MANDATORY SALE AND SUPPLY OF MINIMUM 2-TICK WATER EFFICIENT FITTINGS
2) NEW - MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF MINIMUM 2-TICK WATER EFFICIENT FITTINGS IN ALL NEW AND EXISTING PREMISES UNDERGOING RENOVATIONS
3) NEW - MANDATORY WATER EFFICIENCY LABELLING OF DISHWASHERS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE
4) REMINDER – SALE/SUPPLY OF MINIMUM 1-TICK TAPS/MIXERS AND INTRODUCTION OF 4-TICK WELS FOR CLOTHES WASHING MACHINES

This circular is to inform the relevant professional institutes, associations, statutory boards, government organisations, developers, qualified persons, professional engineers, licensed water service plumbers, suppliers, testing laboratories, societies, etc. on new water efficiency initiatives.

Mandatory sale and supply of minimum 2-tick WELS water fittings

2) With effect from 1 Apr 2019, all water efficient fittings such as taps and mixers, dual-flush low capacity flushing cisterns and urinal flush valves/waterless urinals offered-for-sale, displayed for sale or supply in Singapore, shall be of minimum 2-tick or more water efficiency rating under the MWELS. Water efficient fittings with 1-tick rating will no longer be allowed for sale, supply, display or advertise from 1 April 2019. This is part of our on-going efforts to promote water conservation and reduce water consumption in Singapore.

3) In view of the above, all MWELS registration of 1-tick rating water efficient fittings will cease from 1 Jan 2018. Suppliers who wish to upgrade their 1-tick fittings already registered under MWELS will need to re-submit their applications to PUB before 1 Jan 2018 after fulfilling the necessary requirements. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, suppliers are strongly advised to send in any application for upgrading of 1-tick fittings to PUB early.
Mandatory installation of minimum 2-tick WELS water fittings in all new and existing premises undergoing renovations

4 With effect from 1 Apr 2019, all building plans submissions for all new premises and for all existing premises undergoing renovations involving the replacement of taps/mixers, dual-flush LCFCs and urinal flush valves are to incorporate such fittings that are labelled with minimum 2 or more ticks under MWELS. The above requirements and implementation shall apply to all types of premises including domestic and non-domestic premises.

Introduction of MWELS and Minimum Water Efficiency Standards for Dishwashers

5 With effect from 1 Oct 2018, only dishwashers for household use that are labelled under MWELS can be offered-for-sale, displayed, and advertised for sale and supply in Singapore. This is to further encourage more water efficient appliances into the market and encourage consumers to use water efficient appliances. Suppliers who wish to have their dishwashers labelled under MWELS can submit their applications to PUB to register their models commencing 1 Jan 2018. More information on the application for MWELS for dishwashers and its water efficiency ratings and requirements will be provided at a later date.

Amendments to the legislations

6 The Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations will be amended to give effect to the above requirements mentioned in paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 and anyone found not complying with this requirement shall be guilty of an offence and liable for prosecution.

Reminders

7 We would also like to remind the industry that with effect from 1 Apr 2017, all taps and mixers advertised, displayed or offered for sale or supply in Singapore shall be minimum 1-tick water efficiency rating under the MWELS (i.e. phase out sale/supply of 0-tick taps and mixers). Taps and mixers with 0-tick rating shall no longer be allowed for sale, supply, display or advertise from 1 April 2017. All MWELS registration of 0-tick rating taps and mixers will cease with immediate effect while all registered 0-tick rated taps and mixers will be de-registered by 1 April 2017.

8 In addition, with effect from 1 Apr 2017, PUB will introduce a new 4-tick rating clothes washing machine for finer differentiation with the existing 3-tick models. This will enable consumers to make more conscious decision if they wish to purchase a highly water-efficient washing machine. The 4-tick washing machine is set at water consumption of 6 litres per kg or less, making it more water efficient compared to a 3-tick washing machine where water consumption is more than 6 and up to 9 litres per kg wash load.
9 The industry will be informed of the necessary amendments to the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations for implementations mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 8. We would appreciate it very much if you can help to share the information in this circular with your relevant staff, distributors, retailers and other industry partners. For more information and a copy of this circular, please visit our website and WELS website at www.pub.gov.sg and www.pub.gov.sg/wels respectively.

10 Please disseminate the information to your suppliers/retailers/members and ensure compliance to the new requirements. If you have any queries concerning this circular or need further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following PUB officers listed below.

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