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To water fittings suppliers, washing machine suppliers, dishwasher suppliers, test laboratories, Singapore Sanitary Ware Importers & Exporters' Association (SSWIEA), Singapore Plumbing Society (SPS), SAC-accredited Certification Bodies for WELS, Licensed Plumbers and all relevant test laboratories, government agencies, statutory boards, Professional Engineers, M&E consultants, associations and organisations.

Dear Sir/Madam

**A) PUBLIC UTILITIES (WATER SUPPLY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2018 – CERTIFICATION OF WELS PRODUCTS BY SAC-ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION BODIES EFFECTIVE 1 APR 2018**

**B) REMINDER ON MANDATORY SALE, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AT LEAST 2-TICKS MWELS FITTINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 APR 2019**

This circular informs suppliers, testing laboratories, certification bodies, licensed plumbers, relevant professional institutes, associations, statutory boards, government organisations, developers, qualified persons, professional engineers, etc. on the new water efficiency initiatives.

Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendments) Regulations 2018

2. We wish to inform you that with effect from 1 Apr 2018, the following changes will take effect:

a) Every application for WELS shall be submitted to PUB through a Certification Body (CB) accredited under the Certification Bodies (Water Efficiency Labelling) Scheme administered by the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC) and accompanied with the documents, test reports and a certificate issued by an accredited certification body, stating the water efficiency rating for the specified water fitting;

b) Water efficiency labels will be issued by PUB through the accredited CBs for WELS; and

c) PUB may revoke the registration of any WELS registered product if the registered supplier has ceased to supply the water fitting.

We would like to update you that the above requirements have been incorporated in the Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 which was gazetted on 29 Mar 2018 and has come into operation on 1 Apr 2018. Please refer to the Appendix for the relevant extracts from this regulation. Anyone found not complying with the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and be liable for prosecution.
3 All products such as taps/mixers (basin, sink/bib and shower), dual-flush low capacity flushing cisterns, urinal flush valves/waterless urinals, showerheads, clothes washing machines for household use are covered under the Certification Bodies (Water Efficiency Labelling) Scheme. Dishwashers for household use will also be covered under this scheme effective from 1 Oct 2018. The process workflow for applicants to seek WELS labelling, requirements and other information can be found in the PUB’s WELS Guidebook (dated 1 Apr 18) which is downloadable from PUB’s WELS website at www.pub.gov.sg/wels. We wish to highlight that the product is deemed to be registered under WELS only when it has been published in PUB’s WELS website at www.pub.gov.sg/wels. For more information, please refer to PUB’s WELS website at www.pub.gov.sg/wels.

4 Since 1 Apr 18, PUB has ceased to process WELS applications submitted by suppliers. However, PUB will continue to process WELS applications submitted before 1 Apr 2018 provided that all the required documents and test reports have been completely submitted to PUB.

Accredited Certification Bodies for WELS

5 We are pleased to inform you that currently, the following Certification Bodies (CBs) have been accredited by the Singapore Accreditation Council under the Certification Bodies (Water Efficiency Labelling) Scheme:

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The list of the accredited CBs can also be found in PUB’s WELS website at https://www.pub.gov.sg/wels/suppliers. The list will be updated as and when there is/are new accredited CBs.
Reminders

6 We would like to remind you on the following:

a) 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, advertised for sale or supply in Singapore shall be of a minimum 2-tick or more water efficiency rating under the MWELS. MWELS water efficient fittings with 1-tick rating will no longer be allowed for sale, supply, display or advertising from 1 April 2019. This is part of our on-going efforts to enhance water efficiency and phase out the less water-efficient fittings from the market. The Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations will be amended to give effect to the above requirements mentioned in this paragraph; and

b) With effect from 1 Apr 2019, all submissions for Building Plans for all new premises and existing premises undergoing renovations involving the replacement of taps/mixers, dual-flush LCFCs and urinal flush valves are to incorporate such fittings which are labelled with minimum 2-ticks or more ticks under MWELS.

7 The industry will be informed of the amendments to the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations to give effect on the implementations mentioned in paragraph 6, and anyone found not complying with this requirement shall be guilty of an offence and be liable for prosecution. We would appreciate it if you could help to share the information in this circular with your relevant staff, members, distributors, retailers and other industry partners. A copy of this circular is downloadable from PUB’s websites at www.pub.gov.sg and www.pub.gov.sg/wels.

8 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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