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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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PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT
(CHAPTER 261)

PUBLIC UTILITIES (WATER SUPPLY)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2018

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) Regulations 2018 and come into operation on 1 April 2018.

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 —

(a) by deleting the words “the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board (established under section 3 of the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Act (Cap. 303A))” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “accredited laboratory” and substituting the words “the Enterprise Singapore Board (established by section 3 of the Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018 (Act 10 of 2018))”;

(b) by deleting the definitions of “connecting pipe”, “meter”, “registered professional engineer”, “storage tank”, “water fittings” and “water main”;

(c) by deleting the words “the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board” in the definition of “Singapore Standard” and substituting the words “the Enterprise Singapore Board”; and

(d) by deleting the semi-colon at the end of the definition of “Water Efficiency Label” and substituting a full-stop.
Amendment of regulation 40A

6. Regulation 40A of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately before the definition of “affix”, the following definition:

""accredited certification body” means a certification body accredited under the Certification Bodies (Water Efficiency Labelling) Scheme administered by the Enterprise Singapore Board (established by section 3 of the Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018 (Act 10 of 2018))"."

Amendment of regulation 40AD

7. Regulation 40AD(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “the Board” in sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the words “an accredited certification body”.

Amendment of regulation 40AE

8. Regulation 40AE(2) of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the words “must be”, the words “submitted to the Board through an accredited certification body and”; and

(b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (b), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(ba) a certificate issued by an accredited certification body, stating the water efficiency rating for the specified water fitting; and”.

Amendment of regulation 40AF

9. Regulation 40AF(3) of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (h); and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(d) the registered supplier has ceased to supply the registered water fitting.”.
Interpretation of this Part

40A. In this Part —

“accredited certification body” means a certification body accredited under the Certification Bodies (Water Efficiency Labelling) Scheme administered by the Enterprise Singapore Board (established by section 3 of the Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018 (Act 10 of 2018));

[S 164/2015 wef 01/04/2018]

“affix”, in relation to a Water Efficiency Label, includes printing the Water Efficiency Label on the packaging of a registered water fitting;

“manufacturer” includes a person who assembles parts of a specified water fitting;

“registered supplier” means an importer or a manufacturer who is registered as a registered supplier under regulation 40AE(3);

“specified water fitting” means —

(a) a tap and mixer;
(b) a flushing cistern;
(c) a urinal flush valve;
(d) a waterless urinal; and
(e) a clothes washing machine intended for household use;

“supply”, in relation to any specified water fitting, means the supply of the specified water fitting in the course of any trade or business, and includes —

(a) the supply of the specified water fitting by way of sale, lease, loan, consignment, hire or hire-purchase;
(b) the supply of the specified water fitting in connection with any agreement;
(c) the offer to supply the specified water fitting; and
(d) the display of the specified water fitting for supply;

“test report”, in relation to any specified water fitting, means the report of the most recent test carried out for the specified water fitting in accordance with the prevailing test standard or method specified in Part 1 of the Second Schedule;
“Water Efficiency Label” means a water efficiency label that is in accordance with the requirements specified in Part 2 of the Second Schedule.

Restrictions relating to Water Efficiency Label

40AD.—(1) A person must not affix, or cause to be affixed, a Water Efficiency Label on a specified water fitting unless —

(a) the specified water fitting has been registered by the Board;

(b) the person is a registered supplier for the water fitting; and

(c) the Water Efficiency Label was issued to the person by an accredited certification body for the registered water fitting.

(2) A registered supplier must, before supplying the registered water fitting in Singapore, affix the Water Efficiency Label in accordance with the requirements in paragraph (3).

(3) A Water Efficiency Label must be affixed on a registered water fitting in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) where the Water Efficiency Label is not printed onto the packaging of the registered water fitting, the Water Efficiency Label must be affixed securely on the registered water fitting or its packaging;

(b) the place where the Water Efficiency Label is affixed must be conspicuous and unobstructed.

(4) A person must not —

(a) alter in any way any Water Efficiency Label that is to be or is affixed on a registered water fitting;

(b) forge or falsify any Water Efficiency Label; or

(c) without reasonable excuse, remove, obscure or deface any Water Efficiency Label affixed on any registered water fitting.

(5) Any person that contravenes paragraph (1), (2) or (4) shall be guilty of an offence.

Registration of suppliers and water fittings

40AE.—(1) An importer or a manufacturer that intends to supply a specified water fitting in Singapore may apply to the Board —

(a) to be registered as a registered supplier; and
(b) to register the specified water fitting that the importer or manufacturer intends to supply in Singapore.

(2) Every application mentioned in paragraph (1) must be submitted to the Board through an accredited certification body and accompanied by —

(a) such documents and information as may be required in the relevant form set out at the Board’s Internet website at http://www.pub.gov.sg;

(b) a test report issued by an accredited laboratory in respect of the specified water fitting showing the water efficiency of the water fitting;  
[S 164/2018 w.e.f. 01/04/2018]

(ba) a certificate issued by an accredited certification body, stating the water efficiency rating for the specified water fitting; and  
[S 164/2018 w.e.f. 01/04/2018]

(c) such other documents and information as the Board may require.  
[S 164/2018 w.e.f. 01/04/2018]

(3) Upon considering the application received under paragraph (2), the Board may register, or refuse to register —

(a) any applicant as a registered supplier; or

(b) any specified water fitting as a registered water fitting.

(4) The Board must not register a specified water fitting under paragraph (3) if the specified water fitting does not comply with regulation 5.

(5) A registered supplier that —

(a) intends to cease supplying a registered water fitting in Singapore must notify the Board of such an intention no less than 14 days before it ceases to supply the registered water fitting; or

(b) changes the registered supplier’s name or contact details must inform the Board in writing of such a change within 7 days after the change.

(6) Any person that fails to comply with paragraph (5) shall be guilty of an offence.  
[S 133/2017 w.e.f. 01/04/2017]

Withdrawal or revocation of registration

40AF.—(1) The Board may withdraw the registration —

(a) of any registered supplier where the registered supplier applies to the Board to withdraw the registered supplier’s registration as such; or

(b) of any registered water fitting that a registered supplier ceases to supply in Singapore, where the registered supplier applies to the Board to withdraw such registration.
(2) The Board may revoke the registration of any registered supplier after giving notice to the registered supplier and after such inquiry as the Board thinks fit if —

(a) the registered supplier procured the registration by providing any particulars, information or document, or by making any statement or representation, to the Board which is false or misleading in any material particular;

(b) the registered supplier has contravened regulation 40AA, 40AC or 40AD; or

(c) the registered supplier has ceased to carry on the trade of business of supplying registered water fittings in Singapore.

(3) The Board may revoke the registration of any registered water fitting after giving notice to the registered supplier supplying the registered water fitting and after such inquiry as the Board thinks fit, if the Board is satisfied that —

(a) the registered water fitting does not conform with the results of any test or examination furnished by the registered supplier to the Board under this Division;

(b) the registered water fitting does not meet the water efficiency requirements specified in Part 3 of the Second Schedule;  
[S 164/2018 w.e.f 01/04/2018]

(c) the registered supplier has procured the registration of the registered water fitting by providing any particulars, information or document, or by making any statement or representation, to the Board which is false or misleading in any material particular; or

(d) the registered supplier has ceased to supply the registered water fitting.  
[S 164/2018 w.e.f 01/04/2018]

(4) The Board must, within 14 days after giving notice under paragraph (2) or (3), inform the registered supplier concerned in writing of the revocation in the notice and the grounds for the revocation.

(5) Where the registration of any water fitting is withdrawn under paragraph (1) or revoked under paragraph (3), the registered supplier of the water fitting must, within 14 days after the registered supplier applies to withdraw the water fitting or the Board informs the registered supplier of the revocation under paragraph (4), as the case may be, give notice to every person whom the registered supplier knows, or reasonably ought to know, intends to supply that water fitting in Singapore, of the withdrawal or revocation of the registration.

(6) Any person that fails to comply with paragraph (5) shall be guilty of an offence.  
[S 133/2017 w.e.f 01/04/2017]