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**PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT
(CHAPTER 261)
PUBLIC UTILITIES
(WATER SUPPLY) (DRAFT AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2008**

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) Regulations 2008 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2009.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations (Rg 5) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “warning pipe”, the following definition:

“ “Water Efficiency Label” means a label referred to in regulation 40A;”.

Amendment of regulation 8

3. Regulation 8(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “18(1) and (3)” in sub-paragraph (i)(B) and substituting the words “18(1), (2) and (5)”.

New regulation 40A

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 40, the following regulation:

“Water Efficiency Label

40A.—(1) Every water fitting, apparatus, appliance and product of the type specified in the Second Schedule shall bear a Water Efficiency Label indicating its rating of water efficiency in accordance with the requirements specified in such standard, code of practice or guidelines as may be adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3.

(2) Without prejudice to regulation 5, every water fitting, apparatus, appliance and product referred to in paragraph (1)

shall conform to such standard, code of practice or guidelines adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3, as the Board may specify.

(3) No person shall —

(a) supply; or

(b) offer, display or advertise for supply,

any water fitting, apparatus, appliance or product that is in contravention of paragraph (1) or (2).

(4) Any person who contravenes paragraph (3) shall be guilty of an offence.

(5) The Board may, by notice in writing, require any person who —

(a) supplies; or

(b) offers, displays or advertises for supply,

any water fitting, apparatus, appliance or product that the Board knows or has reason to believe is in contravention of paragraph (1) or (2) to, at his own cost and expense —

(i) immediately remove and cease the use of the Water Efficiency Label;

(ii) immediately stop supplying or offering, displaying or advertising for supply all such water fittings, apparatus, appliances or products; and

(iii) within the time specified in the notice, have any particular water fitting, apparatus, appliance or product or type thereof tested or examined in accordance with the procedure specified in such standard, code of practice or guidelines adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3; and to recall in the manner and within the time specified in the notice all such water fittings, apparatus, appliances or products already supplied by him in contravention of paragraph (1) or (2) during such reasonable period preceding the date the notice was issued.

(6) Any person who fails to comply with a notice served on him under paragraph (5) shall, unless he satisfies the court that he has used all due diligence to comply with the notice, be guilty of an offence.

(7) Any person who, without reasonable excuse —

(a) defaces, obstructs, removes or misuses; or

- (b) forges or alters,
a Water Efficiency Label shall be guilty of an offence.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

5. The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph 18 and substituting the following paragraph:

“18.—(1) Every flushing cistern serving a water-closet pan shall be of such a design as to give a dual flush of 2 different volumes such that the volume of the full flush does not exceed 4.5 litres and the volume of the reduced flush does not exceed 3.0 litres.

(2) Every flush valve serving a water-closet pan shall be of such a design as to give a single flush of not more than 4.5 litres.

(3) Every flushing cistern serving a water-closet pan shall be arranged so as to give a dual flush of 2 different volumes such that the volume of the full flush does not exceed 4.5 litres and the volume of the reduced flush does not exceed 3.0 litres.

(4) Every flush valve serving a water-closet pan shall be arranged so as to give a single flush of not more than 4.5 litres.

(5) Every flush valve serving a urinal shall be of such a design as to give a single flush of not more than 1.5 litres.

(6) Every flush valve serving a urinal shall be arranged so as to give a single flush of not more than 1.5 litres.”.

New Second Schedule

6. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after the First Schedule, the following Schedule:

“SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 40A

TYPES OF WATER FITTINGS, ETC., REQUIRING WATER EFFICIENCY LABEL

The following types of water fittings, apparatus, appliances and products are required to bear a Water Efficiency Label:

- (a) Taps and mixers;
- (b) Flushing cisterns;
- (c) Flush valves; and
- (d) Waterless urinals.”.

Renaming of Second Schedule

7. The existing Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by renaming the Second Schedule as the Third Schedule.

Miscellaneous amendments

8. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting the words “Second Schedule” wherever they appear in the following regulations and substituting in each case the words “Third Schedule”:

Regulations 19(1) and (2), 24(2), 36(15) and 38(5).

Made this day of 2008.

TAN GEE PAW
Chairman,
Public Utilities Board,
Singapore.

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