

**L.N. 165 of 2017**

**Waterworks (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017**

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 37 of the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation comes into operation on 8 December 2017.

**2. Waterworks Regulations amended**

The Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102 sub. leg. A) are amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

**3. Regulation 20 amended (compliance with prescribed specification)**

Regulation 20(2), after “if”—

**Add**

“(and only if)”.

**4. Regulation 25 amended (power to relax regulations)**

After regulation 25(2)—

**Add**

“(2A) The Water Authority may approve the installation of a pipe or fitting under subregulation (2) only if the installation does not, in the opinion of the Water Authority, adversely affect—

- (a) the efficiency of the fire service or inside service in which the pipe or fitting is installed in providing a reliable and adequate supply of water; and
- (b) the quality of the water.”.

**5. Schedule 2 amended**

- (1) Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraphs 1, 3 and 4—

**Repeal**

“cast iron,”.

- (2) Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 21—

**Repeal**

“cast iron or”.

- (3) Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 23—

**Repeal**

“for use in”

**Substitute**

“that, when used, may come into”.

- (4) Schedule 2, Part 1, at the end of paragraph 23—

**Add**

“**Note—**

The products described in this paragraph include, but are not limited to, taps, valves and cold water cisterns mentioned in Parts 2 and 3 of this Schedule.”.

- (5) Schedule 2, Part 2—

**Repeal paragraph 1.**

- (6) Schedule 2, Part 4, before paragraph 1—

**Add**

“1A. This Part applies to—

- (a) a water heater used for heating water not intended for human consumption; and
- (b) a pipe or fitting that, when used, may come into contact with water heated by the water heater.”.

(7) Schedule 2, Part 4, paragraph 9—

**Repeal**

everything after “material.”.

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### Explanatory Note

The purpose of this Regulation is to amend the Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102 sub. leg. A) (*principal Regulations*) to—

- (a) set out the conditions that must be met before the Water Authority approves the installation of a pipe or fitting that does not comply with a prescribed specification set out in Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations (see section 4);
- (b) disallow the use of pipes and pipe flanges made of cast iron (see section 5(1), (2) and (7));
- (c) remove the requirements relating to the resisting pressure of draw-off taps and stop valves (see section 5(5));
- (d) clarify that Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations only applies to a water heater used for heating water not intended for human consumption and related pipes and fittings (see section 5(6)); and
- (e) make other minor amendments to improve the clarity of the provisions concerned (see sections 3 and 5(3) and (4)).