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Dear Sirs,

WSD Circular Letter No. 1/2020
Minimum Meter Size Requirement for Trade Fresh Water
Supply to Designated Business Categories

Background

Under the current practice, the size of the trade account meters is determined mainly based on the estimated daily consumption submitted by the applicant with the plumbing proposal. However, experience shows that the rates of consumption are often grossly underestimated in certain trades and many meters of the relevant trade accounts are found to be undersized after the supply is effected. Undersized meters could easily be damaged by excessive throughput and therefore require frequent replacements. Frequent meter replacement will cause inconvenience to consumers and disturbance to the operation of relevant trades. At the same time, damaged meters not replaced in time will affect the accuracy of water consumption. A new policy on meter sizing is therefore proposed to mitigate the impact of the above problem.

POLICY ON MINIMUM METER SIZING

2. According to analyses of previous consumption records, there are high proportions of undersized meters in some of the trades. Therefore, it is proposed to set a minimum meter size requirement for fresh water supply to the following six types of business accounts with the highest proportion of undersized meters.



Classification Code of business account categories	Minimum Size of Meter
SIC 641100 – Restaurants - Chinese	50mm
SIC 641998 – Restaurants – other eating places	25mm
SIC 641200 – Restaurants – non-Chinese	
SIC 641300 – Restaurants – fast food shops	
SIC 311100 – Slaughtering, preparing and preserving meat	
SIC 952000 – Laundries	

However, applicants of the above business classification codes may propose exemption from the above requirement and submit full justifications (e.g. reasons of low estimated water consumption) to request for allocation of meters smaller than the minimum sizes. The Water Authority will consider the request on a case-by-case basis. The above measure shall apply to the WWO542 forms received on or after **1 April 2020**.

Enquiry

3. Should you have any enquiry, please contact our Engineer/Technical Support (6) at telephone no. 2829 4726.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed)

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Architectural Services Department

Fire Services Department

The Hong Kong Housing Society

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

The Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering – Hong Kong Branch

Hong Kong Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association Ltd.

Hong Kong Licensed Plumbing Professionals Association Ltd.

Hong Kong Plumbing General Union

Hong Kong Water Works Professionals Association Ltd.

The Hong Kong Institution of Plumbing and Drainage Ltd.
Plumbing Technology Student Association
The Association of Registered Fire Service Installation Contractors of Hong Kong Limited
Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education
Construction Industry Council
The Hong Kong Construction Association, Ltd
Hong Kong General Building Contractors Association Ltd
The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical & Mechanical Contractors Ltd
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