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Dear Sirs,

**WSD Circular Letter No. 7/99
Amendments to the Hong Kong Waterworks
Standard Requirements (HKWSR)**

Your attention is drawn to the following amendments to the Hong Kong Waterworks Standard Requirements (Revised August 1995) which will be effective on all first submission of plumbing proposals on or after 1 January 2000 :

- a. HKWSR Chapter 4 Clause 4.5 is amended to read :

“Every storage cistern shall have a lockable close fitting rigid cover secured by mechanical means which excludes light and the ingress of particles and / or insects from the cistern. The cover shall be made of a material or materials which do not shatter or fragment when broken and which will not contaminate any condensate which may form on its underside or the stored water. For the potable water storage cistern, the cover and its base frame shall possess double upstand edges interlocking one another to provide additional protection.”

b. HKWSR Chapter 9 Clause 9.14 is amended to read :

“Fire hose reel outlets shall be housed in glass-fronted cabinets secured under lock and key. The glass panel shall be of a frangible type and shall not exceed 1.5mm in thickness, and that it shall be of such size and design so as not to cause any undue obstruction to the free use of the hose reel. Furthermore, a metal or plastic striker shall be provided in the vicinity of the cabinet for the purpose of breaking the glass panel in case of emergency. To prevent misuse of fire hose reels, a sticker or plate carrying the following warning message should be securely fixed on or near every hose reel outlet and the message should be easily visible by the residents”

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*USE OF WATER FROM FIRE SERVICES
FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FIRE
FIGHTING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED*

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With the enactment of the Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 1999, please note that HKWSR Chapter 5 Clause 5.10 is now amended as follows :

“All unvented electric thermal storage water heaters shall comply with the safety requirements under the Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation (Cap. 406 sub. leg.)”

Yours faithfully,



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(with Chinese translation)

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