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Dear Sir,

**WSD Circular Letter No. 5/99
Amendments to the Waterworks Regulations**

This circular serves to notify you of the recent amendments to the Waterworks Regulations which have been introduced by the enactment of the Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 1999. The amendments were put into operation on 10 June 1999 and they bring the following changes -

- (i) The minimum volume of flushing cisterns is reduced from 9 litres to 7.5 litres.
- (ii) The control on unvented electric water heaters which is specified in the Waterworks Regulations and duplicated with the Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation is repealed.
- (iii) Some obsolescent standards for water heaters are replaced by the current standards.

For item (i), relaxation has already been given in the previous WSD Circular Letter No. 5/96 that 7.5 litres flushing cisterns could be used in Hong Kong commencing 1 September 1996. All existing flushing cisterns of 9 - 15 litres being used by the public would not be affected by this amendment. However, people are encouraged to use 7.5 litres flushing cisterns when they replace their old flushing cisterns as well as in the new building projects.

The control of the safety devices of unvented electric water heaters

stated in the Waterworks Regulations is repealed and all new unvented electric water heaters should now comply with the safety requirements of the Electrical Products (Safety) Regulation. However, all existing unvented electric water heaters complying with the previous requirements of the Waterworks Regulations would not be affected by the change.

Some obsolescent standards for water heaters are replaced with the current standards in this amendment.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Chan", written in a cursive style.

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