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To Licensed Plumbers

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Dear Sirs,

Unvented Electric Storage Water Heaters

This Office is currently considering a relaxation to permit the use of unvented water heaters in inside service. To make implementation of the proposal possible, it is necessary to provide for the market a group of suitably trained workers who are capable of installing and maintaining this type of water heaters. The intention of the Government is to permit qualified electrical workers only to install and maintain this type of water heaters. However, before the legislation related to electrical workers come into effect, it is considered appropriate to permit licensed plumbers with appropriate training on the installation of unvented water heaters to install and maintain this type of water heaters in the interim.

For your information, please note that a training course specially designed for licensed plumbers has been organised by the Vocational Training Council for this purpose. For details of enrollment, please contact the Electricity Industry Training Centre of the Kwan Chung Training Centre Complex at 13-19 San Kwai Street, Kwai Chung (Tel.: 0-204253). Also for your information, the Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services has proposed that upon enactment of the Electricity Legislation, those licensed plumbers who have successfully completed this training course may apply to the Electrical & Mechanical Services Department for registration as Grade R (Restricted) Electrical Workers permitting them to carry out installation and maintenance of unvented electric storage water charges.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that unvented water heater is not permitted under the existing Waterworks Ordinance and Regulations. This type of water heaters will only be permitted after the Waterworks Ordinance and Regulations are suitably amended.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

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