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Ref. (1) in WWO(K) 6/3307/83 T.J.(1)

(with Chinese Translation)

24 August 1984

Dear Sir,

**Point Penalty System for
Defects in Plumbing Works Carried Out by Licensed Plumbers**

Plumbers' licences are currently renewed on an annual basis subject to a satisfactory performance of the plumbers in the preceding year. The Licensing Authority, in accordance with Waterworks Regulation 37, may cancel/suspend plumbers' licence as a result of the unsatisfactory performance of the plumbers.

So far, where defects and irregularities are discovered in the works of a licensed plumber, he is notified via a standard letter (WWO 1008) for him to carry out the necessary rectifications and where serious cases of sub-standard works are involved suspension of the licence may result.

For the purpose of achieving a closer monitoring of the performance of licensed plumbers, it is decided that a point system should be introduced as soon as possible. It is our intention to put this on a dummy trial basis with effect from 1.10.84, subject to review in 6 months, with a view to formal implementation in a year's time. Meanwhile, if you have any comments on the proposal described below, please forward them to H.K. & Kowloon Plumbing and Sanitary Ware Trade Association Ltd. which is requested to let me have their consolidated views for consideration during the trial period.

In the new system, the various items of plumbing defects as depicted on WWO 1008 which you are all familiar with will now be assigned different penalty points relative to the degree of seriousness of their nature as shown on the new format of the revised WWO 1008 attached herewith. Any plumbing defects found during the acceptance inspections by Waterworks staff will be recorded against the relevant items in the revised WWO 1008 and the corresponding penalty points so scored will also be indicated. After each inspection a marked copy of the revised WWO 1008 together with an evaluation of penalty points will be sent to the plumber concerned for information.

A warning letter will be issued to the plumber as necessary under the following conditions :-

- (a) total penalty points in a single inspection exceeding 10 points; or

/(b)

- (b) average penalty points per inspection for all the installation carried out within a period of 12 months exceeding 8 points. (Average score is assessed excluding those cases which have been penalised in (a) as a single case).

Any two such warning letters issued to a licensed plumber within a period of 12 months will lead to a suspension of his licence for a period to be determined by the Licensing Authority in accordance with Waterworks Regulation 37(2).

During the period of suspension, plumbers are only permitted to continue and complete the work for which Form 'G' has been submitted to and approved by the Water Authority prior to the commencement date of suspension but Form 'G' submitted or received by the Water Authority after that date for other new work will not be accepted. Plumbers will be notified in writing of this suspension and shortly before lifting of the suspension.

It should be noted that the point counting penalty system shall in no way restrict the Licensing Authority to exercise its power under Waterworks Regulation 37(1) to cancel/suspend a plumber's licence at any time where necessary.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

(YEUNG On-ching)
for Water Authority

Encl.

Distribution

All Licensed Plumbers

H.K. & Kowloon Plumbing and Sanitary Ware
Trade Association Ltd.

			F.S.	Fresh	Salt	Penalty Points	Remarks*
			消防	食水	鹹水	罰分	說明
Connections 總喉	Laid to wrong position	位置不當				2	
	not exposed	未有外露				2	
	undersized/oversized	太小/太大				2	
	no temporary connection as required	未依規定設臨時供水喉				2	
Piping	sub-standard	不合標準				5	
	no stopcocks at appliances & branches	支喉未裝有水掣				2	
	not bitumen painted & hession wrapped	未塗上瀝青及纏上麻布				2	
屋內喉	excessive elbow bends used	使用太多曲尺喉				1	
	backfilled & covered underground prior to inspection	在視察前將內喉掩蓋				5	
Meter Position/ Check Meter Position 錶位	not securely fixed	安裝不穩固				1	
	of material not acceptable	喉料不合規格				3	
	not properly provided /indicated	錶位不適當/沒有明確指示				4	
	no loose jumper stopcock at inlet	入水處缺少皮心掣				3	
Storage Tanks 儲水箱	too close to wall	太接近牆身				1	
	no non-return valve	缺少逆止閘掣				1	
	no gate valve	缺閘掣				1	
	of material not acceptable	材料不合規格				3	
	no control valve at inlet/outlet	入水/出水處缺少水掣				2	
	no washout provided	缺少水箱去水喉				2	
	no overflow provided	缺少滿溢喉				3	
	overflow undersized	滿溢喉太小				2	
	overflow above inlet	滿溢喉高過入水喉				2	
	overflow does not discharge into conspicuous position	滿溢喉未有引至明顯地方				3	
Others 其他	tank not accessible	缺乏視察通道				2	
	tank not provided with close-fitting cover	缺乏緊密箱蓋				2	
	storage excessive	容量過大				1	
	no gap between potable & non-potable tanks	食水箱與非食水箱間缺乏適當隔離				3	
Others 其他	inlet incorrectly laid/sized	入水喉位置/尺寸不當				1	
	outlet incorrectly laid/sized	出水喉位置/尺寸不當				1	
	sanitary fittings incomplete	潔具未安裝完備				2	
	plumbing incomplete	水喉工程未安裝完備				5	
	syphonic type flushing cistern not provided	未安裝虹吸沖廁水箱				3	
	heaters not properly installed	熱水器未有安裝妥當				2	
	no steel meter box provided	缺乏鋼掣水錶箱				1	
	no locking device for cleansing tap	清洗用水龍頭未上鎖				1	
plumbing arrangement not as approved	水喉工程規格未依批准安裝				5		

* Remarks are given on separate sheet under same reference code.

請參閱附頁之分項說明

File Ref. :

WFO 1008/M
(Revised)
(修訂本)

OFFICE OF THE WATER AUTHORITY
ARGYLE STREET DEPOT
KOWLOON

Dear Sir,

申請書編號 _____
樓宇地址 _____

Application No. _____
Premises _____

敬啟者：

The plumbing work at the above premises has been inspected and the defects marked with (X) at the reverse side of this sheet.

查上址之水喉安裝工程業經本處查驗，其中未符合規格之處已分別用(X)符號註於本函背頁之表格。

You should instruct your plumber to correct the defects. When this has been done please inform this office and a further inspection will be arranged.

茲請着令水喉匠將不合規格之項目修妥。嗣修改工程完竣後，請即知會本處，俾派員前往覆驗。

A connection will only be given when all the defects have been rectified to the satisfaction of this office.

經覆驗合格後，本處始能為上址駁喉供水。

此致

先生
女士

Yours faithfully,

for Water Authority

水務監督謹啟
(_____代行)

水務監督辦事處
九龍亞皆老街廠

c. c. L/P's File
Responsible L/P

一九七八年 月 日