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Dear Sirs,

WSD Circular Letter No. 1/2010 Minimum Flow Requirements for Draw-off Taps, Single and Combination Taps

Currently, all draw-off taps, single and combination taps to be approved by this Authority under Category C of compliance of water supply fittings have to conform to the Waterworks requirements. They are required to be checked for their hydraulic characteristics and one of which is the minimum flow rate requirements in accordance with the relevant British Standards.

For the sake of water conservation, this Authority has launched the voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) to help consumers select water efficient plumbing fixtures and appliances. The scheme is being implemented in phases for different water saving products and one of which is water tap. The water efficiency of a water tap is rated to different grades according to its nominal flow rate. The lower the flow rate of the tap, the higher efficiency and therefore higher grade it will be.

To eliminate the conflict in the flow rate requirements between the WELS and the British Standards, with immediate effect and in accordance with the Waterworks Regulation 25, this Authority has decided to waive the minimum flow rate requirements specified in the relevant British Standards for the draw-off taps, single and combination taps.

If you have any enquiry, please contact Mr. Tony CHU at 2829 4453.

Yours faithfully,

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The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

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