

PLEASE ADDRESS ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO WATER SUPPLY (NETWORK) DEPARTMENT

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Suppliers/Retailers

Dear Sir/Madam

**MANDATORY WATER EFFICIENCY LABELLING SCHEME (MWELS)
FOR CLOTHES WASHING MACHINES INTENDED FOR HOUSEHOLD
USE**

We wish to inform that with effect from 1 Oct 11, anyone who supplies or sells or offers, displays or advertises for supply or sale any clothes washing machine intended for household use, must ensure that the clothes washing machine is registered under MWELS and bears a MWELS Water Efficiency label. This requirement has been incorporated in the Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2011, which was published in the Gazette on 25 March 2011 and will come into operation on 1 Oct 2011. The relevant extract from the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations incorporating the above requirements is given in the Appendix for your information.. Suppliers who wish to have their clothes washing machines registered under MWELS can submit their applications on-line to PUB after fulfilling the necessary requirements. More information on MWELS and its water efficiency ratings and details for on-line applications can be found at our website, www.pub.gov.sg/wels. In order to avoid unnecessary rush, you are advised to send in your applications to PUB early.

2 We wish to remind that suppliers and retailers are required to ensure that the MWELS Water Efficiency label is fixed to each and every such clothes washing machine model or on its packaging at the point of sale or offer for sale to customers such that it is prominently displayed to let customers view and compare with ease. The markings and information on the label shall not be removed, defaced or obscured in any manner that may confuse and/or mislead the customer.

3 We would also wish to remind that the MWELS labels for each and every such clothes washing machine model featured in all advertisements (in all forms of media including brochures and publicity materials) are to be displayed prominently. We have attached herewith, an Annex with the Guidelines for the Use of the Water Efficiency Label in Advertisements and Publicity Materials for your easy reference.

4 Please note that non-compliance of any of the above requirements is an offence under the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations and PUB will not hesitate to take punitive actions against anyone who contravenes these requirements. For more information, please refer to the Guidebook on Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme at www.pub.gov.sg/wels. We would appreciate it if you could share the information in this circular with your relevant distributors, retailers and other industrial partners.

5 Please do not hesitate to contact me or my officer, Mr Victor Lau Kam Kok at Tel No 67313250 or 65172925 respectively if you have any queries or require further clarification.

Yours faithfully



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for DIRECTOR
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Singapore 118221
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Setsco Services Pte Ltd
18 Teban Gardens Crescent
Singapore 608925
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249 Jalan Boon Lay
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EXTRACT FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES (WATER SUPPLY) REGULATIONS
INCORPORATING REVISIONS FROM THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES (WATER SUPPLY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

Water Efficiency Label

40A.—(1) Every water fitting, apparatus, appliance and product of the type specified in the Second Schedule shall bear a Water Efficiency Label indicating its rating of water efficiency in accordance with the requirements specified in such standard, code of practice or guidelines as may be adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3.

(2) Without prejudice to regulation 5, every water fitting, apparatus, appliance and product referred to in paragraph (1) shall conform to such standard, code of practice or guidelines adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3, as the Board may specify.

(3) No person shall —

(a) supply; or

(b) offer, display or advertise for supply, any water fitting, apparatus, appliance or product that is in contravention of paragraph (1) or (2).

(4) Any person who contravenes paragraph (3) shall be guilty of an offence.

(5) The Board may, by notice in writing, require any person who —

(a) supplies; or

(b) offers, displays or advertises for supply,

any water fitting, apparatus, appliance or product that the Board knows or has reason to believe is in contravention of paragraph (1) or (2) to, at his own cost and expense

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(i) immediately remove and cease the use of the Water Efficiency Label;

(ii) immediately stop supplying or offering, displaying or advertising for supply all such water fittings, apparatus, appliances or products;

(iii) within the time specified in the notice, have any particular water fitting, apparatus, appliance or product or type thereof tested or examined in accordance with the procedure specified in such standard, code of practice or guidelines adopted or issued by the Board under regulation 3; and

(iv) in the manner and within the time specified in the notice, recall all such water fittings, apparatus, appliances or products previously supplied by him in contravention of paragraph (1) or (2) during such reasonable period preceding the date the notice was issued.

(6) Any person who fails to comply with a notice served on him under paragraph (5) shall, unless he satisfies the court that he has used all due diligence to comply with the notice, be guilty of an offence.

- (7) Any person who, without reasonable excuse —
(a) defaces, obstructs, removes or misuses; or
(b) forges or alters,
a Water Efficiency Label shall be guilty of an offence.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 40A

TYPES OF WATER FITTINGS, ETC., REQUIRING WATER EFFICIENCY LABEL

The following types of water fittings, apparatus, appliances and products are required to bear a Water Efficiency Label:

- (a) Taps and mixers;
- (b) Flushing cisterns;
- (c) Flush valves;
- (d) Waterless urinals; and
- (e) Clothes washing machines intended for household use.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE WATER EFFICIENCY LABEL IN
ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS**

- 1 The water efficiency label shall be used only for the registered models.
- 2 Advertisements for water fittings, appliances, apparatus or products labelled under the Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MWELS) in all forms of media including newspapers, brochures, catalogues, publicity materials, etc shall display the MWELS label for each and every water fitting, appliance, apparatus or product model featured.
- 3 When used in advertisements and publicity materials, the water efficiency label for each registered model shall be separately displayed if there is more than one model being advertised or promoted.
- 4 The use of the water efficiency label in advertisements and publicity materials shall also comply with the following requirements:
 - a. The water efficiency label shall appear next to the water fitting, appliance, apparatus or product model featured so that it is easily identified with the model featured.
 - b. All information on the label shall be clearly visible and legible. Where it is impractical for the label to be of a size or quality sufficient for any of the information on the label to be clearly visible and legible, the relevant information shall be extracted and printed clearly and legibly alongside the label. The relevant information shall include the brand, model, water efficiency rating (number of ticks i.e. “0”, “√”, “√√” or “√√√” as well as wordings i.e. “Good”, “Very Good” or “Excellent”), water consumption and registration number.
- 5 Statements connoting that the product is “MEWR/ PUB tested” or “MEWR/ PUB certified” or “MEWR/ PUB approved” shall NOT be used. These statements are misleading.
- 6 If in doubt, manufacturers, suppliers and retailers may seek clearance for advertisements and publicity materials featuring the water efficiency label from PUB before publication and promotion. A sample of the advertisement/publicity material may be sent to the following address for clearance before publication and promotion:

Inspectorate Branch
Water Demand Management & Inspectorate Division
Water Supply (Network) Department
PUB
40 Scotts Road #10-01
Singapore 228231
Tel: 1800-2846600 (PUB-One)
Fax: 67313023
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