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Revenue (Variation and Reduction of
Fees and Charges) Order 2002

(Made under section 39A(a) of the Public Finance
Ordinance (Cap. 2) after consultation
with the Executive Council)

1. Commencement

This Order shall come into operation on 1 April 2002.

2. Application

(1) Section 3 shall apply to fees payable in respect of business registration certificates and branch registration certificates which commence on or after 1 April 2002 and before 1 April 2003.

(2) Sections 4, 5 and 6 shall apply to charges payable in respect of the period commencing on 1 April 2002 and ending on 31 March 2003.

Business Registration Ordinance

3. Waiver of business registration fees, etc.

(1) The prescribed business registration fee and the prescribed branch registration fee as defined in section 2 of the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) shall be waived in accordance with this section.

(2) Where the fee prescribed in item 1(l)(i) or (ii) of Schedule 1 to that Ordinance is payable, a sum of \$2,000 shall be waived.

(3) Where the fee prescribed in item 2(a) or (b) of Schedule 2 to that Ordinance is payable, a sum of \$73 shall be waived.

Waterworks Regulations

4. Reduction of water charges

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the amount of charge payable for the supply of fresh water pursuant to regulation 46 of the Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102 sub. leg.) shall be reduced by deducting from the charge---

(a) in the case of a charge under item 1(a), (d), (e) or (f) in Part III of Schedule 1 to those Regulations, an amount not exceeding \$3,200;

(b) in the case of a charge under item 1(b) or (c) in Part III of Schedule 1 to those Regulations, an amount not exceeding \$800.

(2) In relation to subsection (1)(a), the maximum amount allowed to be deducted in respect of each bill of charges being a bill for---

(a) a 1-month period of supply, is \$266.66;

(b) a 4-month period of supply, is \$1,066.66.

(3) In relation to subsection (1) (b), the maximum amount allowed to be deducted in respect of each bill of charges being a bill for---

- (a) a 1-month period of supply, is \$66.66;
- (b) a 4-month period of supply, is \$266.66.

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), any remainder of the amount allowed to be deducted in respect of a bill of charges which is not utilized in the payment of that bill shall be carried forward and set off against the charges payable in the subsequent bill of charges.

Sewage Services (Sewage Charge) Regulation

5. Reduction of sewage charges

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the amount of sewage charge payable pursuant to section 2 of the Sewage Services (Sewage Charge) Regulation (Cap. 463 sub. leg.) shall be reduced by deducting from the charge---

- (a) where the rate for the charge is based on the volume of water supplied for the purposes specified in item 1(a), (d), (e) or (f) in Part III of Schedule 1 to the Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102 sub. leg.), an amount not exceeding \$800;
- (b) where the rate for the charge is based on the volume of water supplied for the purposes specified in item 1(b) in Part III of Schedule 1 to the Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102 sub. leg.), an amount not exceeding \$200.

(2) In relation to subsection (1) (a), the maximum amount allowed to be deducted in respect of each bill of charges being a bill covering---

- (a) a 1-month period of charges, is \$66.66;
- (b) a 4-month period of charges, is \$266.66.

(3) In relation to subsection (1) (b), the maximum amount allowed to be deducted in respect of each bill of charges being a bill covering---

- (a) a 1-month period of charges, is \$16.66;
- (b) a 4-month period of charges, is \$66.66.

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), any remainder of the amount allowed to be deducted in respect of a bill of charges which is not utilized in the payment of that bill shall be carried forward and set off against the charges payable in the subsequent bill of charges.

Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation

6. Reduction of trade effluent surcharges

The amount of trade effluent surcharge payable pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of the Sewage Services (Trade Effluent Surcharge) Regulation (Cap. 463 sub. leg.) shall be reduced by 30%.

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Explanatory Note

This Order waives the fees payable in respect of business registration certificates and branch registration certificates commencing on or after 1 April 2002 and before 1 April 2003 (section 3). This Order also reduces---

(a) charges for use of fresh water for domestic purposes and non-domestic purposes subject to a ceiling of \$800 and \$3,200 respectively, and charges for use of fresh water for flushing purpose subject to a ceiling of \$800 (section 4);

(b) sewage charges in respect of domestic purposes and non-domestic purposes subject to a ceiling of \$200 and \$800 respectively (section 5);

(c) trade effluent surcharges by 30% (section 6),
for a 12-month period commencing on 1 April 2002.