

Subcommittee on Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 and Building (Administration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2015

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 13 November 2015**

The Administration was requested to provide the following information:

Standards for the provision of male and female sanitary fitments

1. A comparison between the numbers of waterclosets for the use of females in different categories of buildings of various sizes prescribed in Cap. 123I ("the extant Regulations") and those prescribed in the Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 (L.N. 191) ("the Amendment Regulation");
2. Details on the standards/requirements for the provision of male and female sanitary fitments adopted by modern cities in other comparable jurisdictions in different types of premises/buildings, including but not limited to --
 - (a) the ratios of the number of waterclosets and urinals for the use of males to the number of waterclosets for the use of females adopted by these cities/countries;
 - (b) how these standards/requirements/ratios are comparable to those set out in the Amendment Regulation;
 - (c) whether these jurisdictions have taken into account the ratio of the number of males to that of females in premises/buildings when working out the aforesaid standards/requirements; if yes, the details including the ratios adopted by these jurisdictions, etc.;

MTR stations

3. The reasons for not including MTR stations as a category of buildings under the Amendment Regulation, and why the building plans of MTR stations are not required to be approved by the Buildings Authority;

Government buildings and public facilities

4. Given that the Amendment Regulation does not apply to Government premises, whether and how far the new/existing buildings/facilities which are open to the public and under the purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau (facilities provided by MTRCL, public piers, etc.), the Food and Health Bureau (hospitals, public markets, etc.), the Education Bureau (schools, etc.), and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (cultural and performance venues, libraries, etc.), or designed by the Architectural Services Department, would --
 - (a) follow the new standards for the provision of sanitary fitments under the Amendment Regulation; and
 - (b) provide baby care facilities, sanitary fitments suitable for the use of children, and unisex toilets;if they will, the details (such as the timetable for actions); if no, the reasons;
5. Whether and how the Administration will put in place measures/mechanisms to ensure that the bureaux/departments/organizations referred to in paragraph 4 will enhance the provision of sanitary fitments to meet the new standards prescribed in the Amendment Regulation;

Restaurants

6. After the Amendment Regulation comes into operation, whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department would require a restaurant owner/operator applying for providing a small area of "outside seating accommodation" for the purpose of outdoor dining at the restaurant's adjoining premises (which might be regarded as an extension of the licensed premises) to provide additional sanitary fitments, if the total area of the restaurant (the indoor part and the outdoor part) exceeds or slightly exceeds a certain threshold level; and

Exclusion from plot ratio calculation

7. Whether the Administration will consider excluding the floor area used for providing sanitary fitments required under the Amendment Regulation from being counted in the plot ratio of a building; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.