

Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (“the Amendment Regulation”)
Debate and voting arrangements

Object of the Amendment Regulation : To amend the Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102 sub. leg. A) to revise the requirements relating to the material standards for pipes or fittings installed in a fire service or inside service.

Joint debate

Secretary for Development (“SDEV”)’s proposed resolution

- To amend section 7 of the Amendment Regulation to amend the new regulation 20(2) specifying that the Water Authority in exercising the relevant power relating to a departure from a prescribed specification for a pipe or fitting would only consider two factors: (a) the efficiency of the fire service or inside service in which the pipe or fitting is installed in providing a reliable and adequate supply of water; and (b) the quality of the water;
- to amend section 9 of the Amendment Regulation to add regulation 25(2A) which specifies that the Water Authority would consider the above two factors in exercising the power to relax regulations under regulation 25(2); and
- to amend section 10 of the Amendment Regulation:
 - to amend paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 21 of new Part 1 as well as paragraph 9 of new Part 4 to Schedule 2, seeking to delete the relevant provisions related to cast iron pipe from the legislation as cast iron pipe is no longer used in the market; and
 - to amend paragraph 23 of new Part 1, to delete paragraph 1 of new Part 2 and to add new paragraph 1A of new Part 4 to Schedule 2, which are technical and textual amendments, to make the meaning of the relevant provisions clearer.

Voting : Vote on SDEV’s proposed resolution

SDEV’s proposed resolution

(set out in LC Paper No. CB(3) 813/16-17 issued on 6 July 2017)