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Dear Ms KAN

Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (L.N.81)

Thank you for your letter dated 29 May 2017. We would like to clarify your concern as follows –

Under the current regulation 19 of the Waterworks Regulations (WWR) (Cap. 102A), the Water Authority (WA) may require the alteration or renewal of any pipe or fitting in any fire service or inside service that in the WA's opinion is so defective or in such condition as to cause, or be likely to cause, waste, undue consumption or pollution of the supply.

Under the current section 16(1)(a) of the Waterworks Ordinance (WVO) (Cap. 102), the WA has the power to require the consumer or the agent to carry out repairs or other works if the fire service or inside service is in such a condition that waste or pollution of a supply has occurred or is likely to be caused thereby.

After considering the operational need, the powers under the current section 16 of the WVO are sufficient for achieving what is currently achieved by the current regulation 19 of the WWR. We hence consider that it is not necessary to mention the same in the new regulation 19A of the Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017.

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