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### **Subcommittee on Waterworks (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017**

#### **Information note prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat**

The Waterworks (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017 (L.N. 165 of 2017) ("the Amendment (No. 2) Regulation"), which was published in the Gazette on 13 October 2017 and tabled at the Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 18 October 2017 for negative vetting, amends the Waterworks Regulations (Cap. 102A) ("WWR").

2. The amendments to the WWR by the Amendment (No. 2) Regulation are exactly the same as those proposed by the Administration mainly in response to the views and suggestions of members of the Subcommittee on Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017, which was formed in May 2017 to scrutinize the Waterworks (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (L.N. 81 of 2017) ("the Amendment Regulation").<sup>1</sup> Members may refer to the Subcommittee's report (LC Paper No. [CB\(1\)1255/16-17](#)) for details of its deliberations. The Administration gave notice to move a motion ("the motion") at the Council meeting of 12 July 2017 to propose the amendments. However, the motion could not be dealt with by the Council before the expiry of the period within which LegCo may amend the Amendment Regulation. The Amendment Regulation has come into operation on 14 July 2017 without the proposed amendments in the motion.

3. The Amendment (No. 2) Regulation is made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 37 of the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102) to incorporate the proposed amendments in the motion into the WWR. It comes into operation on 8 December 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> The Amendment Regulation (L.N. 81 of 2017) was published in the Gazette on 19 May 2017 and tabled at LegCo for negative vetting on 24 May 2017 to revise the requirements relating to pipes or fittings installed in fire services or inside services. According to the Administration, the amendments under L.N. 81 had taken into account the recommendations made in the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Excess Lead Found in Drinking Water.