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Mr Fred PANG
for Clerk to Subcommittee

Dear sir,

Re: Subcommittee on Waterworks (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017

Thank you for your email dated 1st November 2017 for the captioned.

With reference to the Subcommittee on Waterworks (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017, our Association agrees in principle the amendment of the Waterworks Regulation (Cap. 102A) to revise the requirements in relation to pipe and fittings to be installed in plumbing systems. However, we would like to have addition comments as below:

It is noted that the Fire Services System Installation is a non-potable water system and serves for firefighting purpose which needs, at the same time, to comply with the statutory requirement of Hong Kong Fire Services Department (HKFSD). In this connection, we would suggest to add a section name “**Part 7 – Fire Services System Installation after F.S. Water Tank**” under Schedule 2 of Cap 102A to facilitate a more effective ruling and regulating mechanism in governing water supply to Fire Services System Installation in conjunction with the requirement by HKFSD.

The proposed “Part 7 – Fire Services System Installation after F.S. Water Tank” are considered to provide a guidance to the Industry on the selection and installation of pipework, fittings, equipment in related to Fire Services System Installation such as Fire Hydrant / Hose reel system, Sprinkler system, Street Fire Hydrant system and Automatic Fixed installation requiring water supply. Further, it can provide the regulating means for any special equipment or fittings to be installed in the fire services system in particular fire engineering design application.

Hope the above could be discussed and reviewed in coming legislation and amendment of the Waterworks Regulation.

We would be grateful if you could kindly consider our suggestion.

Yours very truly,

Eric C.T. Yung
Chairman

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