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To All Suppliers & Retailers of Water Fittings, Licensed Water Service Plumbers, Relevant Government Agencies, Statutory Boards, Professional Engineers, M&E Consultants, Associations and Organisations

## USE OF WATER PIPES & WATER FITTINGS COMPLYING WITH PUB'S STIPULATED REQUIREMENTS & STANDARDS IN WATER SERVICE INSTALLATIONS

It has come to our attention that many suppliers and installers have been requesting for PUB's approval letter on water fittings intended for potable water use. Please note that PUB do not issue any letter of approval for any water fitting intended for potable water use prior to any sale, installation or use.

- 2. You may wish to note that prior to year 2000, water fittings such as flushing cisterns, flush valves, pipes, taps, valves, etc. for use in potable water service installations in Singapore had to be approved by the PUB before they could be put on sale, installed or used. Since year 2000, the compliance requirements for the sale, installation and use of water fittings were liberalised. With the liberalisation, PUB has moved away from dictating what the industry must do and the previous pre-market approval process for water fittings has been replaced with a post-market surveillance regime.
- Suppliers, retailers and installers shall ensure that the water fittings comply with the standards and requirements stipulated by PUB and that their installation and use in potable water service installations conform to the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations and Singapore Standard CP48: Code of Practice for Water Services. A water fitting shall be deemed to comply with the stipulated standards if it is tested with such standards by a testing laboratory accredited by the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC) or its Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) partners. We would like to reiterate that separate approval from PUB for the water fitting is not required. However, fittings must be supported with valid, complete and full test reports. Suppliers/retailers shall ensure that these test reports of all the water fittings which they offer for sale, advertise, display, sell or supply are properly kept and must be produced for verification upon request by PUB. PUB continues to conduct checks and will take action against non-compliance.

- 4 The Professional Engineer (PE) and the Licensed Water Service Plumber (LP) must ensure that all water fittings intended for potable water use installed in projects undertaken by them have been fully tested to comply with PUB's stipulated requirements and Standards.
- A list of the stipulated standards and requirements for water fittings intended for potable water use is available in PUB's website at <a href="http://www.pub.gov.sg/general/watersupply/FittingsandStandards/Pages/FittingAndStandards.aspx">http://www.pub.gov.sg/general/watersupply/FittingsandStandards/Pages/FittingAndStandards.aspx</a>. If the standards and requirements for a water fitting are not available, the supplier, retailer or installer shall approach PUB to stipulate the necessary standards and requirements for compliance.
- A copy of this circular is also available at <a href="www.pub.gov.sg">www.pub.gov.sg</a>. Please do not hesitate to call any of our officers should you require any assistance or clarifications:

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