NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Singapore  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** PUB, The National Water Agency  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2** **[X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Mixing Taps and Valves. National tariff headings (HS): 8481.80.50 |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Annex 1 - Draft Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 - Notice will be published in the Republic of Singapore's Government Gazette when adopted. (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** From 1 April 2020 onwards, the prevailing test standard for thermostatic mixers under the mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) will be replaced with Section 13.2 of the BS EN 1111 (2017). Suppliers registering new models of thermostatic mixers under the mandatory WELS are currently required to submit test results in accordance with section 10 of BS EN 1287 (1999). To allow suppliers and test laboratories to prepare for the new test standard, there will be a transition period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, during which suppliers can submit test reports based on either section 10 of BS EN 1287 (1999) or section 13.2 of BS EN 1111 (2017) to register their new thermostatic mixer models. All existing thermostatic mixer models which are registered under WELS before 1 April 2020 can still continue to be supplied without having to re-submit test results. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Background: The mandatory WELS for water fittings was introduced in Singapore on 1 July 2009. Under the scheme, all water fittings, including thermostatic mixers, must be registered and labelled to provide information on their water efficiency level before they can be sold or supplied in Singapore.  From 1 April 2020 onwards, the prevailing test standard, i.e. section 10 of BS EN 1287 (1999), will be replaced with section 13.2 of the BS EN 1111 (2017), which is designed to test mixers that operate at pressure conditions more relevant to Singapore's water network. This will tighten performance requirements for thermostatic mixers, leading to increased product safety. With this change, suppliers who have already tested their thermostatic mixer models to BS EN 1111 (2017) will not need to retest their products to BS EN 1287 (1999) when registering their thermostatic mixer models with PUB.  For more details on WELS, please refer to PUB's website at <https://www.pub.gov.sg/wels> |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Draft Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2019, 1 page, English - Notice will be published in the Republic of Singapore's Government Gazette when adopted. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**Notice will be published prior to the date of entry into force.  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 April 2019 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  1. Roland Chan Principal Engineer Water Supply (Network) Department PUB Singapore 40 Scotts Road #10-01 Environment Building Singapore 228231  Republic of Singapore tel: (65) 63304108 fax: (65) 6731 3023 e-mail: [roland\_chan@pub.gov.sg](mailto:roland_chan@pub.gov.sg)  2. Wilson Lin Senior Assistant Director Water Policy Division  Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources  40 Scotts Road #24-00 Environment Building Singapore 228231  Republic of Singapore tel : (65) 67319292 fax : (65) 6731 9456 e-mail: [wilson\_lin@mewr.gov.sg](mailto:wilson_lin@mewr.gov.sg)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/SGP/18_6194_00_e.pdf> |