NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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):**
   - Water-closet flush valves
   - National tariff headings (HS): 7324.90.10, 7324.90.93, 8481.80.50

5. **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Annex - Draft Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2021. (4 page(s), in English)
   
   Notice will be published in the Republic of Singapore's Government Gazette when adopted.

6. **Description of content:** Singapore's Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MWELS) was introduced in 2009 to help consumers make more informed purchasing decisions and encourage suppliers to introduce more water-efficient products into the market. Currently, the MWELS covers water fittings and appliances such as taps and mixers, dual-flush low capacity flushing cisterns, urinal flush valves, waterless urinals, household washing machines and dishwashers. It is mandatory for suppliers and retailers to obtain the relevant water efficiency registration and labels for their products, before they are allowed to be supplied or offered, advertised or displayed for sale and installation in Singapore.

   From 1 Jan 2022, the MWELS will be extended to include water-closet flush valves. While import of water-closet flush valves to Singapore is still allowed, only water-closet flush valves that are registered and labelled under MWELS with 2-ticks water consumption efficiency or better will be allowed to be supplied or offered, advertised or displayed for sale and installation in Singapore. Accordingly, the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations will be amended to require water-closet flush valves that are supplied or offered, displayed, or advertised for sale or supply in Singapore to be registered and affixed with water efficiency labels under the MWELS. Such water-closet flush valves must be tested according to the stipulated method in the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations. The amendment will take effect from 1 Jan 2022.
7. **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Water-closet flush valves account for a large part of water usage, especially in public toilets, industrial and commercial premises. As part of Singapore’s efforts to drive water conservation and ensure sustainable water usage, the minimum water efficiency for water closet flush valves will be raised from 1-tick to 2-ticks. This will provide consumers with information on the water efficiency of such water-closet flush valves via labels, and hence empower them to make more informed purchasing decisions.

For more details on MWELS, please refer to PUB’s website at [https://www.pub.gov.sg/wels](https://www.pub.gov.sg/wels)

8. **Relevant documents:**
   - Draft Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, 4 pages, English

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9. **Proposed date of adoption:** Notice will be published prior to the date of entry into force

   **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2022

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:

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