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SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE ACT
(CHAPTER 294)

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE
(SANITARY WORKS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 74 of the Sewerage and Drainage Act, the Public Utilities Board, with the approval of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sewerage and Drainage (Sanitary Works) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and shall come into operation on 13 February 2015.

Amendment of regulation 3

2. Regulation 3 of the Sewerage and Drainage (Sanitary Works) Regulations (Rg 2) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “All sanitary works shall be” and substituting the words “Any person carrying out, or who causes to be carried out, any sanitary works shall ensure that the sanitary works are”;
- (b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (l);
- (c) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (m) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
 - “(n) every sanitary appliance shall be connected, whether directly or indirectly, to a sewerage system.”; and

(d) by renumbering the regulation as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) The Board may give notice in writing to the owner or occupier of any premises requiring him to carry out such works as the Board thinks is necessary to alter, improve or make good the sanitary plumbing system or the sanitary drainage system at the premises to comply with the Code of Practice or the requirements specified in paragraph (1), and the owner or occupier must comply with such notice.”.

New regulation 4A

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 4, the following regulation:

“Prohibitions relating to manhole and chamber of public sewerage system

4A. No person shall do any of the following except with the prior permission of the Board:

- (a) cover up or pave over, or cause or permit to be covered up or paved over with bitumen, cement, concrete slab or any hard material any access into any manhole or chamber of the public sewerage system;
- (b) open, or cause or permit to be opened, any cover of a manhole or chamber of the public sewerage system.”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 5

4. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Sanitary appliance to be provided with flushing cistern, flush valve, etc.

5.—(1) No person shall install, or cause or permit to be installed, any water closet pan, urinal, bidet or similar sanitary appliance in any premises unless the applicable condition or

conditions (as the case may be) in paragraph (4) is or are satisfied.

(2) The Board may, upon becoming aware that any water closet pan, urinal, bidet or similar sanitary appliance installed in any premises, in respect of which any applicable condition in paragraph (4) is not satisfied, send a written notice to the owner of the premises, requiring the owner to remove the sanitary appliance within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice.

(3) A person who receives a written notice from the Board under paragraph (2) must comply with the notice.

(4) The conditions referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) are as follows:

(a) in a case where the sanitary appliance is connected with appurtenances which are installed below ground level —

(i) the sanitary appliance is provided with a flushing cistern, flush valve or other flushing device which is continuously supplied with water; and

(ii) sewage from the sanitary appliance and appurtenances is received and discharged into the sanitary drainage system by such sewage ejector, pump or other mechanical device or appliance, as may be approved by the Board; or

(b) in any other case, the sanitary appliance is provided with a flushing cistern, flush valve or other flushing device which is continuously supplied with water.

(5) Paragraphs (1) and (2) do not apply to a waterless urinal that is —

(a) certified in accordance with regulation 6(1)(a); or

(b) approved by the Board under regulation 6(1)(b).”.

Amendment of regulation 6

5. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “No sanitary appliances, pipes or fittings shall be used in” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “No person shall use any sanitary appliances, pipes or fittings in any”; and
 - (b) by deleting the words “such appliances, pipes or fittings shall not be used” in paragraphs (3) and (5) and substituting in each case the words “no person shall use such appliances, pipes or fittings”.

Deletion and substitution of heading to Part IV

6. Part IV of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the Part heading and substituting the following Part heading:

“MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION”.

Amendment of regulation 7

7. Regulation 7(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “may require” in sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the words “may by notice in writing require”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 8

8. Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Offences

8.—(1) Any person who contravenes regulation 4A, 5(1) or (3), 6(1), (3) or (5) or 7(1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$500 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

(2) Any person who contravenes regulation 3(1) or (2) or 4(1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$15,000 and, in the case of a continuing

offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$500 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.”.

Made on 9 February 2015.

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