

# **Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations**

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#### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

#### **Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Utilities (Water Supply) Regulations.

#### **Definitions**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“authorised officer” means an officer of the Board authorised in that behalf by the Board;

“backflow” means flow upstream, that is in a direction contrary to the intended normal direction of flow within or from a water fitting;

“British Standard” means a standard or specification issued by the British Standards Institution;

“building” means any structure (including a floating structure) whether of a permanent character or not, and whether movable or immovable, and, without

prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, includes any caravan, vessel, boat or houseboat;

“connecting pipe” means a pipe from the water main to the meter position;

“consumer” includes —

- (a) any person supplied or applying to be supplied with water by the Board;
- (b) any person otherwise liable for the payment of water rates, charges or rent; and
- (c) any owner or occupier of the premises supplied or to be supplied with water by the Board;

“corrosion-resisting material” means any material which is highly resistant to any corrosive action to which it is likely to be subjected in the circumstances in which it is used;

“distributing pipe” means any pipe (other than an overflow pipe or a flush pipe) conveying water from a storage tank under pressure by gravity or a boosting system from such tank;

“float-operated valve” means a valve for controlling the flow of water into a storage tank or flushing cistern, the valve being operated by the vertical movement of a float riding on the surface of the water;

“install”, in relation to a water fitting, apparatus, pump, hot water apparatus or any other article or device to which these Regulations apply, includes to arrange or connect;

“master meter” means a meter registering water all or part of which is subsequently registered by one or more sub-meters;

“meter” means any appliance or device supplied by the Board to measure, ascertain or regulate the amount of water taken or used from the supply by the Board;

“meter position” means the position where a meter or master meter (not being a sub-meter) is installed;

“meter reader” means an employee or an agent of the Board who is authorised to read any meter;

“potable water” means water supplied for human consumption;