

L.N. 57 of 1998

## WATER SERVICES CORPORATION ACT, 1991

(ACT NO. XXIII OF 1991)

### Water Supply (Amendment) Regulations, 1998

IN exercise of the powers conferred by sections 27 and 45 of the Water Services Corporation Act, 1991, the Water Services Corporation, with the approval of the Minister of Public Works and Construction, has made the following regulations:—

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Water Supply (Amendment) Regulations, 1998, and shall be read and construed as one with the Water Supply Regulations, 1948, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Citation and  
commencement  
G.N. 133 of 1948.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 5th November, 1997, but shall not apply to bills issued according to the first readings of the meters taken after that date.

2. In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 of the principal regulations:

Amends regulation  
2 of the principal  
regulations.

(a) immediately after the opening paragraph thereof, there shall be added the following:

““communication” or “service” means the pipes and other fittings which from the mains lead to and into a tenement, up to and including the meter and stop-cock;” and

(b) the meaning of “frontage contribution” shall be deleted.

3. For regulation 5 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

Substitutes  
regulation 5 of the  
principal  
regulations.

“5. Services shall be provided, laid, repaired, altered or extended by the Corporation, at its expense, and in such manner as the Corporation may deem necessary or expedient having regard to the requirements of the consumer concerned:

Provided that, with regard to those works which are carried out within the boundaries of a tenement, the Corporation shall not undertake to restore ornamental floors, wall surfaces or any other decorations which may be unavoidably interfered with in the execution of such works.”.

Substitutes regulation 6 of the principal regulations.

4. For regulation 6 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

“6. It is not permitted that any person performs any work, of whatever nature, on a service or in any manner whatsoever tampers with the service, unless authorised by the Corporation to do so.”.

Deletes regulation 6A of the principal regulations.

5. Regulation 6A of the principal regulations shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 7 of the principal regulations.

6. In regulation 7 of the principal regulations, the words “with the works required by the applicant or, as the case may be,” shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 12 of the principal regulations.

7. In regulation 12 of the principal regulations, for the words “First Schedule” there shall be substituted the word “Schedule”.

Amends regulation 13 of the principal regulations.

8. In regulation 13 of the principal regulations, for the words “in accordance with the Tariff and provisions contained in the Second Schedule to these regulations” there shall be substituted the words “at the rate of one lira and ten cents (Lm1.10) for every cubic meter (1m<sup>3</sup>) consumed”.

Adds new regulation 15 to the principal regulations.

9. Immediately after regulation 14 and under the heading “IX. Application and Adjustment of Rates” in the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new regulation 15:

“15 (1) The settling of a claim by a consumer shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) for current claims which are settled within the specified date shown on the bill, a discount rate of three percent (3%) on the current bill only shall be given;

(b) current claims which are settled between the specified date shown on the bill and 15 days thereafter are to be paid at the full amount, without any discount or charge, as shown on the bill;

(c) for current claims which are settled at a time later than 15 days after the specified date shown on the bill, an administrative charge at a rate of six percent (6%) on the current bill only shall be added.

(2) A consumer who does not pay the administrative charge specified in subparagraph (c) of paragraph (1) of this

regulation shall be considered as a person in arrears of his payments, and the provisions of regulations 34 to 39 of these regulations shall also apply to such consumer.”.

**10.** In regulation 20 of the principal regulations, instead of the words “at the expense of the applicant” there shall be substituted the words “at its expense”. Amends regulation 20 of the principal regulations.

**11.** For regulation 22 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following: Substitutes regulation 22 of the principal regulations.

“22. The service charge for every period of four months shall be eight liri (Lm8) for every meter installed.”.

**12.** Regulations 28 to 31 of the principal regulations shall be deleted. Deletes regulations 28 to 31 of the principal regulations.

**13.** In regulation 34 of the principal regulations, for the words “meter” and “rates provided for metering as applicable shall continue to be due” there shall be substituted the words “service” and “service charge shall continue to be due” respectively. Amends regulation 34 of the principal regulations.

**14.** In regulation 35 of the principal regulations, for the word “meter” there shall be substituted the word “service”. Amends regulation 35 of the principal regulations.

**15.** Regulation 39 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends regulation 39 of the principal regulations.

(a) instead of the amount “Lm1” there shall be substituted the amount “Lm30”; and

(b) the words “or to prevent avoidable waste” shall be deleted.

**16.** In paragraph (1) of regulation 40 of the principal regulations, for the word “metering” there shall be substituted the words “the service charge”. Amends regulation 40 of the principal regulations.

**17.** The First Schedule to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends First Schedule to the principal regulations.

(i) in the heading:

(a) for the words “First Schedule” there shall be substituted the word “Schedule”; and

(b) for the words “for Meter charge and Water Consumption” there shall be substituted the words “for Water Consumption”;

(ii) in paragraph 1 thereof:

(a) the words “Meter charge for every meter installed in the tenement ..... Lm1.20” shall be deleted; and

(b) for the words “75c” there shall be substituted the words “Lm1.10”;

(iii) in paragraph 2 thereof:

(a) for the words “67c5”, “5.5”, “56c2” and “11” wherever they occur, there shall be substituted the words “99c”, “4.5”, “88c” and “9” respectively; and

(b) the proviso thereto shall be deleted;

(iv) paragraph 4 thereof shall be deleted; and

(v) paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 thereof shall be renumbered as 4, 5, and 6 respectively; and

(vi) in paragraph 4 thereof as renumbered, for the words

“Lm1.20 in respect of the meter charge for one meter installed in the tenement;

7c5 per 1m<sup>3</sup> for any quantity consumed not exceeding 5.5m<sup>3</sup> per person residing in the tenement:”

there shall be substituted the words

“Lm8 in respect of the service charge for one meter installed in the tenement:”.

Deletes Second  
Schedule to the  
principal  
regulations.

**18.** The Second Schedule to the principal regulations shall be deleted.