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Citation and application

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the *Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974*¹.

(2) These regulations have effect in every district within the State.

*[Regulation 1 amended in Gazette 4 September 1992 p.4471;
29 July 1997 p.4065.]*

[2. Repealed in Gazette 4 September 1992 p.4471.]

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Interpretation

3. In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears —

“aerobic treatment unit” means an apparatus for treating sewage either wholly or partially by aerobic means and includes any associated effluent disposal system;

“alternating system” means any apparatus containing a flow alternation device that is connected to 2 receptacles for drainage to allow infiltration of effluent into the soil;

“apparatus” has the same meaning as is given by section 3 of the Act to the term “apparatus for the treatment of sewage”;

“approval” means an approval under regulation 4 or 4A;

“approved” means —

- (a) in the case of an apparatus to which regulation 4 applies, approved by the relevant local government; and
- (b) in the case of an apparatus to which regulation 4A applies, approved by the Executive Director, Public Health;

“approving body” means —

- (a) in the case of an application for an approval under regulation 4, the relevant local government; or
- (b) in the case of an application for an approval under regulation 4A, the Executive Director, Public Health;

“AS” means Standards Association of Australia standard;

“authorized person”, in relation to an aerobic treatment unit, means a person who is authorized under regulation 42C to carry out maintenance on that type of unit;

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“combined system” means an apparatus designed to receive household and such other liquid wastes as the Executive Director, Public Health may approve, as well as sewage;

“dwelling” means a building or part of a building that is occupied or intended to be occupied for the purpose of human habitation;

“effluent” means the liquid discharge from the treatment tank;

“fittings” means all pipes, meters, or other apparatus used for or in connection with the supply of water, and all pipes, cisterns, traps, syphons, manholes, ventilators and all other apparatus connected with and requisite to secure the safe and proper working of any sewer, drain or water supply fixtures;

“fixtures” means all necessary appurtenances, that may be attached to the plumbing or drainage system of premises and are intended for the collection or retention of any wastes or waste waters for ultimate discharge into a drain or sewer;

“infiltrative area” means the internal surface of the bottom area and sidewall areas between the inverted level of the inlet and the base of a receptacle for drainage;

“liquid waste system” means an apparatus designed to receive liquid wastes only;

“liquid wastes” means bathroom, kitchen, scullery and laundry wastes, stable washings and any other domestic or trade wastes, other than effluent;

“non-alternating system” means an apparatus that does not contain a flow alternation device;

“owner”, in relation to an apparatus, means the owner of the premises on which the apparatus is constructed or installed;

“receptacle for drainage” means an evaporation drain, a soak well, french drain, leach drain or impervious sump;

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“relevant local government” means —

- (a) in relation to an application for an approval, the local government of the district where it is proposed the apparatus will be constructed or installed; or
- (b) in relation to an existing apparatus, the local government of the district where the apparatus is situated;

“residential premises” means premises used solely for residential purposes and in the case of flats or units means a block of flats or block of units, but does not include any premises of a type listed in regulation 29 (1);

“sedimentation tank” means that part of an apparatus designed to retain liquid waste for sedimentation, flotation and treatment;

“separate system” means an apparatus designed to receive faecal matter and urine only;

“septic tank” means the part of an apparatus for the treatment of sewage designed to retain sewage for bacteriolytic treatment;

“single dwelling” means a dwelling —

- (a) that is occupied or intended to be occupied for the purpose of human habitation by not more than 8 persons;
- (b) standing on a lot within the meaning of the *Town Planning and Development Act 1928*; and
- (c) that is the only dwelling standing on that lot.

[*Regulation 3 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781; 15 December 1989 pp.4547-8; 4 September 1992 pp.4471-2; 29 July 1997 pp.4065-6.*]

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PART 2 — GENERAL

[*Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4067.*]

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Approval of the construction or installation of an apparatus by local government

4. (1) For the purposes of section 107 (2) (a) of the Act, an apparatus is to be approved by a local government if it is intended to serve —

- (a) a single dwelling; or
- (b) any other building that produces not more than 540 litres of sewage per day.

(2) A person may apply for an approval under this regulation by —

- (a) completing an application in a form approved by the Executive Director, Public Health; and
- (b) forwarding the application to the relevant local government together with —
 - (i) any documents required under regulation 5; and
 - (ii) the fee specified in item 1 of Schedule 1.

(3) Upon an application under subregulation (2), a local government shall, as soon as practicable after receiving the application —

- (a) subject to these regulations, grant the approval —
 - (i) in a form approved by the local government; and

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(ii) subject to such conditions as the local government thinks fit;

or

(b) refuse to grant the approval.

(4) A local government may grant an approval under this regulation only if, under the application, the apparatus is to be constructed and installed in accordance with these regulations.

(5) Where a local government refuses to grant an approval under this regulation, it shall, as soon as practicable, provide to the person applying for the approval a written notice —

(a) advising the person of the refusal; and

(b) setting out the reasons for the refusal.

[Regulation 4 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4067-8.]

Approval of the construction or installation of an apparatus by the Executive Director, Public Health

4A. (1) In this regulation —

“local government report”, in relation to an application for an approval under this regulation, means a report of the relevant local government setting out recommendations as to —

(a) whether or not the approval should be granted; and

(b) if an approval is recommended, the conditions, if any, to which the approval should be subject.

(2) For the purposes of section 107 (2) (b) of the Act, an apparatus is to be approved by the Executive Director, Public Health if it is intended to serve a building that —

(a) is not a single dwelling; and

(b) produces more than 540 litres of sewage per day.

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(3) A person may apply for an approval under this regulation by —

- (a) completing an application in a form approved by the Executive Director, Public Health; and
- (b) forwarding the application to the Executive Director, Public Health together with —
 - (i) any documents required under regulation 5;
 - (ii) the relevant fee specified in item 2 of Schedule 1; and
 - (iii) except where subregulation (4) applies, a local government report in relation to the application.

(4) Where —

- (a) a person makes a request to the relevant local government for it to provide a local government report in relation to an application for an approval under this regulation; and
- (b) the local government does not provide the report to the person within 28 days of the request,

the person may make an application under subregulation (3) without forwarding to the Executive Director, Public Health a local government report.

(5) Upon an application under subregulation (3), the Executive Director, Public Health shall, as soon as practicable after receiving the application and after considering any local government report —

- (a) subject to these regulations, grant the approval —
 - (i) in a form approved by the Executive Director, Public Health; and
 - (ii) subject to such conditions as the Executive Director, Public Health thinks fit;
- or
- (b) refuse to grant the approval.

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(6) The Executive Director, Public Health may grant an approval under this regulation only if, under the application, the apparatus is to be constructed and installed in accordance with these regulations.

(7) Where the Executive Director, Public Health refuses to grant an approval under this regulation, the Executive Director, Public Health shall, as soon as practicable, provide to the person applying for the approval a written notice —

- (a) advising the person of the refusal; and
- (b) setting out the reasons for the refusal.

[*Regulation 4A inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4068-9.*]

Documents to accompany an application for approval

5. (1) An application under regulation 4 or 4A of these regulations shall be accompanied by —

- (a) a copy of plan and specifications of the proposed apparatus, that comply with all relevant provisions of these regulations, showing plan and longitudinal section to a scale of not less than 1:50;
- (b) two copies of a site plan of the premises accurately drawn to a scale not less than 1:100, showing —
 - (i) the position of all buildings erected or proposed and the position of the proposed apparatus;
 - (ii) the position, type and proposed use of all fixtures intended to discharge into the apparatus;
 - (iii) the position of all drains, pipes, inspection openings, vents, traps and junctions in relation to buildings and boundaries;
 - (iv) the size of pipes and fittings and the fall of the drains;
 - (v) details of the effluent disposal system; and

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(vi) the source of water supply to be used in connection with the apparatus,

and except where the plans refer to a building of Class 1a under the Building Code the plans shall be separate from the application form;

(c) if so requested by the approving body —

(i) a detailed architectural drawing of the proposed apparatus;

(ii) a certificate from an independent technical expert that the apparatus —

(I) complies with these regulations or any relevant code or standard;

(II) is capable of performing its proposed functions; and

(III) is reliable and durable;

and

(iii) any other information or documents relevant to the application;

and

(d) in the case where the proposed apparatus is an aerobic treatment unit, details of arrangements that have been made for the future maintenance of the unit by an authorized person, including a copy of any agreement entered into for that purpose.

(2) Where an application for an approval is made, the approving body shall, for the duration of the life of the apparatus, retain a copy of —

(a) the application;

(b) every document forwarded with the application; and

(c) the approval.

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(3) An approving body shall make any documents retained under subregulation (2) available for inspection by members of the public.

(4) A person shall not provide false or misleading information in an application for an approval.

(5) In subregulation (1) (b) —

“Building Code” means the Building Code of Australia 1996, as from time to time amended and for the time being in force, issued by the Australian Building Codes Board.

[Regulation 5 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781; 15 December 1989 p.4548; 4 September 1992 p.4472; 29 July 1997 pp.4069-70.]

Construction or installation under an approval to be completed within a certain time

6. (1) An approval shall be subject to a condition that the construction or installation to which the approval relates is completed prior to the expiration of —

- (a) a period of 2 years; or
- (b) any lesser period specified in the approval.

(2) Where —

- (a) an approval is granted for the construction or installation of an apparatus;
- (b) the construction or installation is commenced but is not completed within the period referred to in subregulation (1); and
- (c) a fresh approval to continue the construction or installation has not been granted,

the owner of the premises on which the apparatus was being constructed or installed shall, as soon as practicable after the expiration of that period, ensure that the apparatus is decommissioned in accordance with regulation 21.

[Regulation 6 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4070-1.]

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Construction and installation of an apparatus generally

7. (1) All materials, fixtures and fittings to be used in the construction of an apparatus shall be first approved by the Executive Director, Public Health but for the purposes of this regulation, a material, fixture or fitting which has been branded in accordance with the by-laws made under the *Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act 1909*, or the *Country Towns Sewerage Act 1948*, shall be deemed to have been so approved by the Executive Director, Public Health if the material, fixture or fitting bears a mark indicating that it has been inspected by a person authorized under one of those Acts or these regulations, and passed as fit for use.

(2) All materials, pipes, bends, junctions, traps, vents and apparatus shall be sound and free from defects and the *Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws 1981*, and the *Country Towns Sewerage By-laws 1952* apply to them in addition to these regulations.

(3) An aerobic treatment unit that is intended to service a single dwelling must be of a standard and construction that conforms to the standard known as the "Specifications for aerobic treatment units serving single dwellings" issued by the Department as at August 1992.

(4) An apparatus shall be constructed and installed to a trade finish.

*[Regulation 7 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
4 September 1992 p.4472; 29 July 1997 p.4071.]*

Aerobic treatment units to be installed in accordance with standard

7A. A person who installs an aerobic treatment unit that services a single dwelling, shall ensure that the unit is installed in accordance with the standard known as the "Standard for Installation and Operation of Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU's) serving single dwellings" issued by the Department as at August 1992.

*[Regulation 7A inserted in Gazette 4 September 1992
p.4472.]*

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Educt and back vents

8. (1) All educt vents in connection with septic tanks, aerobic treatment units, and receptacles for drainage, whether on combined systems, separate systems or liquid waste systems shall be fitted, by the owner, with an approved mosquito-proof cowl and be so maintained by the owner.

(2) Where a back vent is required it shall also be fitted, by the owner, with an approved mosquito-proof cowl and be so maintained by the owner.

*[Regulation 8 amended in Gazette 15 December 1989 p.4548;
4 September 1992 p.4473; 29 July 1997 p.4071.]*

Location of a septic tank

8A. (1) A person shall not cause or permit the construction of a septic tank closer than 1.2 m to the foundations of any building, or the boundary of any lot, unless otherwise approved.

(2) A person shall not cause or permit the construction of foundations of any building closer than 1.2 m to any existing septic tank, unless otherwise approved.

[Regulation 8A inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4071.]

Division 2 — Use of an apparatus

[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4072.]

[Heading deleted in Gazette 5 September 1997 p.5037.]

Notification of local government

9. A person who constructs or installs an apparatus, pursuant to an approval, whether as owner or contractor to the owner or otherwise, shall forthwith, after the construction of the apparatus is completed, notify the local government of the fact.

*[Regulation 9 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
15 December 1989 p.4548; 29 July 1997 pp.4072 and 4082;
5 September 1997 p.5037.]*

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Certification that aerobic treatment unit has been properly installed

9A. Where the notification referred to in regulation 9 is in respect of the construction of an aerobic treatment unit that services a single dwelling, the person notifying the local government shall also provide the local government with written certification that the unit has been installed in accordance with the standard referred to in regulation 7A.

*[Regulation 9A inserted in Gazette 4 September 1992 p.4473;
amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]*

Permit to use an apparatus

10. (1) Where a local government receives a notification under regulation 9, the local government shall, as soon as practicable after receiving that notification, arrange for the apparatus to be inspected by an environmental health officer to ensure that the apparatus conforms with —

- (a) these regulations; and
- (b) the approval granted in respect of the apparatus.

(2) Where —

- (a) an environmental health officer inspects an apparatus under this regulation and is satisfied that it conforms to these regulations and the approval; and
- (b) the owner pays the fee or fees required by regulation 14,

the local government shall grant to the owner, in a form approved by the Executive Director, Public Health, a permit to use the apparatus.

(3) Where an environmental health officer inspects an apparatus under this regulation and is not satisfied that the apparatus conforms with these regulations or the approval, the environmental health officer shall —

- (a) advise the owner as to what corrective works are necessary to ensure that the apparatus does so conform; and

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- (b) arrange for a further inspection of the apparatus by an environmental health officer within a period that allows the owner to undertake practicably the corrective works.

- (4) Where an environmental health officer inspects an apparatus under subregulation (3) (b) and is not satisfied that the necessary corrective works have been undertaken —
 - (a) the environmental health officer shall notify the local government of the failure to undertake the corrective works; and
 - (b) the local government may, upon receiving the notification under paragraph (a), forward to the owner a written notice requiring the owner to undertake those works or decommission the apparatus in accordance with regulation 21.

- (5) Where a local government requires an owner to undertake corrective works or decommission the apparatus under subregulation (4), the owner shall do so within the prescribed time.

- (6) In subregulation (5) —
 - “prescribed time”** means —
 - (a) in the case where the owner has not, within 14 days of receiving notice of the requirement —
 - (i) made an application under regulation 22 for a review of the requirement; or
 - (ii) brought an appeal under section 37 of the Act against the requirement,as soon as practicable after the owner receives notice of the requirement;
 - (b) in the case where the owner has, within 14 days of the requirement, made an application under regulation 22 for a review of the requirement, as soon as practicable after the local government has —
 - (i) determined that application; and
 - (ii) provided to the owner written notification of that determination; or

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- (c) in the case where the owner has brought an appeal under section 37 of the Act against the requirement, as soon as practicable after the Executive Director, Public Health has —
 - (i) determined that appeal; and
 - (ii) provided to the owner written notification of that determination.

[Regulation 10 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4072-3.]

Preparation of an apparatus for inspection

11. A person who gives notice to the local government in accordance with regulation 9 of these regulations shall prepare the apparatus for an inspection under regulation 10 at the time set by the local government or an environmental health officer, and in particular shall —

- (a) fill the treatment tank to overflow level with clean water 24 hours prior to inspection; and
- (b) ensure that all lines of drain, fixtures and fittings are exposed to view, and all inspection openings are unsealed.

[Regulation 11 amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4073 and 4082.]

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Testing an apparatus

12. Where an environmental health officer inspects an apparatus under subregulation 10, the environmental health officer may submit the apparatus to —

- (a) a hydrostatic test; and
- (b) such other tests as the environmental health officer or the local government thinks fit.

[Regulation 12 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4074.]

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Equipment, material, power and labour for an inspection

13. The equipment, material, power and labour required by an environmental health officer for an inspection under regulation 10 and any tests under regulation 12 shall be furnished by the owner.

[Regulation 13 amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4074.]

Fees for inspecting an apparatus

14. (1) In this regulation —

“major fixture” means a water closet, urinal outlet, slop hopper, pan washer or industrial waste outlet.

(2) Where an environmental health officer inspects an apparatus under regulation 10 the owner shall pay the following fees, namely —

- (a) for an inspection under regulation 10 (1) —
 - (i) of one or 2 major fixtures, the fee specified in item 3 (a) of Schedule 1; and
 - (ii) of each additional fixture, the fee specified in item 3 (b) of Schedule 1;and
- (b) for an inspection under regulation 10 (3), the fee specified in item 4 of Schedule 1.

[Regulation 14 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4074.]

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Wastes from business or industry

15. A person shall not cause or permit any wastes from any business or industry to discharge into an apparatus except with the written permission of the relevant local government.

*[Regulation 15 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
29 July 1997 p.4075 and 4082; 5 September 1997 p.5037.]*

Matter interfering with the efficient operation of an apparatus

16. A person shall not cause or permit the discharge into an apparatus of any matter which may interfere with the efficient operation of the apparatus.

*[Regulation 16 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
29 July 1997 p.4075.]*

Certain matter not to be discharged into an apparatus

17. Without limiting regulation 16, a person shall not cause or permit the discharge into any apparatus or receptacle for drainage used for the reception of effluent or liquid wastes —

- (a) any surface or subsoil drainage, rain water from any pavement or roof, or overflow water from rainwater tanks or flushing systems, or other relatively clean water;
- (b) any inflammable or explosive materials that are not readily soluble in water, or any materials which when mixed with sewage or water are liable to form explosive compounds or to interfere with the treatment process.
- (c) any insoluble matter or articles, dead animals, or rubbish whatsoever; or
- (d) any liquids or solids that are bactericidal in effect in such quantity as to affect the proper functioning of the septic tank.

[Regulation 17 amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4075.]

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Interfering with an apparatus

18. (1) In this regulation —

“interfere”, in relation to an apparatus, means —

- (a) to dismantle the apparatus;

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- (b) to remove the apparatus wholly or in any part; or
- (c) to alter or change the mode of operating the apparatus.

(2) Except as provided in subregulation (3) and regulation 20, a person shall not interfere with an apparatus without first obtaining the written permission of —

- (a) in the case of an apparatus to which regulation 4 applies, the local government; or
- (b) in the case of an apparatus to which regulation 4A applies, the Executive Director, Public Health.

(3) Subregulation (2) does not apply to, or in relation to —

- (a) an authorized person carrying out maintenance work on an aerobic treatment unit in accordance with these regulations; or
- (b) a person emptying an apparatus in accordance with —
 - (i) the *Environmental Protection (Liquid Waste) Regulations 1996*; or
 - (ii) regulation 46,as the case requires.

[*Regulation 18 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4075-6.*]

Structures not to be erected above an apparatus

18A. (1) A person shall not cause or permit any structure to be erected above any septic tank, aerobic treatment unit or drainage line if that structure —

- (a) obstructs free access to the septic tank, aerobic treatment unit or drainage line; or
- (b) has walls on more than three sides.

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(2) A person shall not, without the permission of the relevant local government, cause or permit a receptacle for drainage —

- (a) to have any structure erected above it;
- (b) to be subject to vehicular traffic or be located less than 1.2 m from an area that is subject to vehicular traffic; or
- (c) to be paved or covered with a surface treatment.

(3) Where, as permitted by a local government under subregulation (2), a receptacle for drainage is covered by paving or a surface treatment, the owner shall ensure that access points are provided —

- (a) that are suitable for the inspection or service of the receptacle for drainage; and
- (b) that do not require the removal of the paving or surface treatment.

[Regulation 18A inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4076.]

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Use of a damaged or defective apparatus prohibited

19. (1) A person shall not use an apparatus that becomes damaged or defective.

(2) The owner of any premises shall not permit or suffer any person to use on such premises any apparatus which is damaged or defective.

[Regulation 19 amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4076-7.]

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

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Division 3 — Decommissioning of an apparatus

[*Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4077.*]

Application

20. The regulations in this Division apply to all districts as if they were local laws made under the Act.

[*Regulation 20 inserted in Gazette 17 March 1998 p.1417.*]

Apparatus to be decommissioned in certain circumstances

20A. Where a premises is connected to a sewer, the owner of those premises shall decommission any apparatus on the premises under regulation 21 —

- (a) if there is a material change in the use of the premises, not more than 60 days after the day on which the change in use occurred;
- (b) not more than 60 days after the day on which every person who was an owner of the premises at the time the premises was connected to the sewer ceases to be an owner of the premises; or
- (c) if foundations for a building on the premises are to be built closer than 1.2 metres to the apparatus or a building is to be constructed above the apparatus, before work commences on building the foundations or before the building is constructed above the apparatus, as the case may be.

[*Regulation 20A inserted in Gazette 17 March 1998 p.1417.*]

Decommissioning an apparatus

21. Where an apparatus is required to be decommissioned under these regulations or as a condition of an approval of another apparatus on the same premises, the apparatus shall be decommissioned by —

- (a) emptying the apparatus in accordance with —
 - (i) the *Environmental Protection (Liquid Waste) Regulations 1996*; or

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- (ii) regulation 46,
as the case requires;
- (b) in the case of a septic tank or aerobic treatment unit —
 - (i) the removal of the tank or unit; or
 - (ii) where it is not practicable to remove the tank or unit,
the breaking up of the base of the tank or unit;
- (c) the backfilling of the apparatus with clean fill; and
- (d) in the case where the decommissioning is a condition of an approval, the carrying out of such other works as may be specified in writing by the approving body.

[Regulation 21 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4077.]

Division 4 — Review

[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4077.]

Review of a decision of a local government

22. (1) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of a local government under these regulations may apply in writing to the local government for it to review the decision.

(2) Where a local government has received an application under subregulation (1), the local government shall, as soon as practicable after receiving the application —

- (a) make a determination in respect of the application; and
- (b) provide to the person making the application a written notice —
 - (i) advising the person of the determination; and
 - (ii) setting out the reasons for that determination.

[Regulation 22 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4077-8.]

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Review of a decision of the Executive Director, Public Health

23. (1) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Director, Public Health under these regulations may apply in writing to the Executive Director, Public Health for him or her to review the decision.

(2) Where the Executive Director, Public Health has received an application under subregulation (1), the Executive Director, Public Health shall, as soon as practicable after receiving the application —

- (a) make a determination in respect of the application; and
- (b) provide to the person making the application a written notice —
 - (i) advising the person of that determination; and
 - (ii) setting out the reasons for that determination.

[Regulation 23 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4078.]

**PART 3 — CONSTRUCTION AND SIZES OF SEPTIC TANKS
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[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4078.]

Minimum water level of a septic tank

24. Every septic tank shall have a minimum water level of 1 065 mm except where otherwise approved by the Executive Director, Public Health.

[Regulation 24 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781.]

Partition of a septic tank

25. (1) When the capacity of a septic tank exceeds 2 045 litres the tank shall be divided into two chambers by means of a fixed durable partition, and the partition shall be located so that the capacity of the first chamber is twice that of the second chamber.

(2) Suitable openings with a full unobstructed area of not less than 0.015 m² shall be provided in the partition at approximately half the liquid depth in the tank and so placed as to ensure the maximum length of flow through the tank.

Septic tank to be impervious

26. Every septic tank shall be so constructed as to be impervious.

Construction of a septic tank generally

27. Every septic tank shall be constructed of good quality bricks set in 3 in 1 cement mortar, and covered internally with a 12 mm thick watertight cement render, or spun or vibrated, reinforced concrete, or other material approved by the Executive Director, Public Health.

[Regulation 27 amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4078.]

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Liquid capacity of septic and sedimentation tanks on residential premises

28. (1) Every septic tank or sedimentation tank described in column 1 of the Table to this regulation serving or to serve residential premises with the number of bedrooms specified in column 2 of the Table shall have a liquid capacity of at least that specified in column 3 of the Table opposite the relevant entries in columns 1 and 2 of the Table.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), if a septic tank serves or is to serve residential premises used by more than 100 people, the liquid capacity of the tank shall be as approved by the Executive Director, Public Health.

TABLE

Type of tank	Number of bedrooms	Liquid capacity (litres)
Septic tank serving water closets and urinals only	5 or less	1 820
	more than 5	1 360 plus 90 litres per bedroom
Septic tank treating all wastes	5 or less	3 180
	more than 5	1 820 plus 270 litres per bedroom
Sedimentation tank	5 or less	1 820
	more than 5	1 360 plus 180 litres per bedroom

[Regulation 28 inserted in Gazette 15 December 1989 p.4549; amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4078.]

Size of a septic tank

29. (1) The sizes for septic tanks, other than septic tanks on residential premises shall be calculated on a basis of 1 360 litres for a

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separate system and 1 820 litres for a combined system plus the number of litres per person shown in the following table —

Type of Premises	Separate System litres	Combined System litres
Hotel	90	180
Motel	70	140
School (Boarding)	70	140
School (Day)	30	45
Public Building (Frequent use)	15	30
Public Building (Infrequent use)	5	10
Caravan Park	90	140
Swimming Pool	10	15
Drive-In Theatres (2 persons per car) ...	10	10
Factories and shops (based on the number of person therein on any 8 hour shift)	45	70
Construction Camps (Temporary)	25	45
Clubs	10	15
Clubs (Licensed)	25	35

(2) The sizes of septic tanks to be used in hospitals, nursing homes and similar establishments, shall be as required by the Health Department, provided that no separate system shall be of less than 1 820 litres capacity and no combined system shall be of less than 3 180 litres capacity.

*[Regulation 29 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
15 December 1989 p.4549.]*

Minimum air space in a septic tank

30. A septic tank shall have a minimum air space between water level and under side of cover of 380 mm vertically.

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Dimensions of a septic tank

31. Rectangular septic tanks shall be so constructed that the internal effective length shall be not less than twice the internal effective width, and the partition so placed that the first compartment is twice the capacity of the second compartment.

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Construction of a precast concrete septic tank

32. All precast concrete septic tanks shall conform to the following requirements —

- (a) Concrete shall contain not less than 354 kg of cement per cubic metre, with a maximum water/cement ratio of 22 litres of water to every 40 kg of cement, and shall be mixed from materials complying with AS 3600-1988, AS 2758.1-1985 or AS 1379-1973, and shall have a compressive strength of not less than 20 MPa at 28 days.
- (b) All concrete produced in precasting yards, and intended for the construction of any apparatus for the bacteriolytic treatment of sewage, shall be weigh batched.
- (c)
 - (i) Total compaction shall be secured by high ratio spinning, suitable to the diameter of the section chosen, or, in the case of vertically and horizontally cast tanks, shall be by the use of foam, immersion or table vibrators operating at not less than 75 Hz per second.
 - (ii) Immersion vibrators shall be inserted into the concrete at intervals of not more than 460 mm and the concrete shall be placed in continuous shallow layers not exceeding 300 mm in depth.
 - (iii) The vibrators shall be inserted vertically and shall not be used to flow the concrete.
 - (iv) Where form vibrators are used, the forms shall be capable of withstanding the vibration without loss of watertightness.

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- (v) Vibration at a rate of not less than 75 Hz per second shall continue for not less than one minute in the case of form and table vibrators.
- (vi) Where immersion vibrators are used, each insertion of a poker vibrator shall be of not less than 20 seconds duration.
- (vii) The diameter of any immersion vibrators shall not exceed one-third of the thickness of the concrete section.
- (d)
 - (i) Form work shall be coated with a suitable release agent which will not retard the surface of the concrete.
 - (ii) Forms shall be gently prised from the concrete surfaces.
 - (iii) Any surface exhibiting honey-combing, voids, flow lines, or cold joints shall be rejected.
- (e) Precast concrete septic tanks may be one of two types —
 - (i) series type as shown on application form, the internal diameter of the first tank to be 1 520 mm and of the second to be 1 220 mm; or
 - (ii) horizontal cylindrical tanks as shown on application form, the length to be 2 400 mm and the internal diameter to be of 1 520 mm with a water level of 1 065 mm.
- (f)
 - (i) The walls of cylindrical septic tanks shall be reinforced with steel mesh complying with AS 1304-1991 and with the requirements of the following table —

Internal Pipe Diameter	Reinforcement Mesh No.
1 220 mm	F. — 41
1 520 mm	F. — 41

or, by a helically wound grid of hard drawn steel wire providing an equivalent strength of circumferential steel per unit length of cylinder.

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- (ii) All joins in the steel fabric shall be made by tying a full 2 mesh over-lap. Spun tanks shall have a minimum of 12 mm cover and vibrated tanks shall have a minimum of 20 mm cover.
- (g) The minimum wall thickness shall not be less than one-twenty-fourth of the maximum internal diameter.
- (h) Each septic tank shall —
 - (i) have maximum absorption of 10%; and
 - (ii) be able to withstand a load of at least 6 600 N on the barrel of the pipe, at 14 days.
- (i) The ends of concrete cylindrical horizontal tanks shall be in one piece, not less than 65 mm thick, and shall be reinforced with F.41 steel mesh and shall be keyed and mortared to the body of the tank and shall be watertight.
- (j) The bottom in vertically installed tanks shall be poured using concrete complying with paragraph (a) of this regulation and shall be 100 mm thick and extending 75 mm beyond the walls in all directions and shall be reinforced, as and where required by the local government.
- (k) A separate bottom may be provided for each tank in a series type installation if the tanks are spaced not less than 1 000 mm or more than 1 800 mm apart and the pipe connecting the tanks complies with regulation 7 of these regulations or is P.V.C. piping not less than 100 mm in diameter complying with AS 1260.1 to 4 (inclusive)-1984 class P.C.
- (l) The covers of vertical tanks shall be of concrete, not less than 65 mm thick and shall be reinforced with F.41 steel mesh, made in sections and the joins shall be rebated.
- (m) Heavy duty covers that are to be subjected to wheeled traffic shall be to individual specifications, approved by the Executive Director, Public Health.

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- (n) Concrete test specimens of covers shall provide a flexural strength of 2 MPa at 28 days and shall be designed to carry a uniformly distributed load of 7 kPa.
- (o) Partitions where required, shall be constructed of concrete complying with paragraph (a) and shall be 50 mm thick, reinforced with F.41 steel mesh and all joints of mesh to have a full two mesh overlap and not less than 12 mm concrete cover.
- (p) Appropriate inspection openings, 150 mm in diameter, shall be provided in the cover above the vertical leg of the inlet and outlet fittings of the septic tank.
- (q) The covers to inspection openings shall be of cast iron or other material approved by the Executive Director, Public Health and when in place after installation, the inspection opening covers shall fit neatly to prevent the ingress of water or egress of mosquitoes.

*[Regulation 32 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
4 September 1992 p.4473; 29 July 1997 p.4082.]*

Testing a precast concrete septic tank

33. (1) Where a precast concrete septic tank is tested for the purpose of ascertaining whether it complies with these regulations the test shall be carried out in accordance with AS 1342-1973 and AS 1012.1 to 13 (inclusive)-1981, and precast concrete and concrete masonry segments shall be tested in accordance with AS 2733-1984 concrete blocks.

(2) Each pipe or block selected by the environmental health officer for testing shall be so marked by the manufacturer, that it may be identified at any time with the consignment or batch it represents.

- (3) Tests shall be carried out, either —
- (a) in an approved laboratory; or
 - (b) on the premises of a manufacturer where testing equipment is provided.

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(4) Where tests are carried out on the premises of a manufacturer, those tests shall be carried out in the presence of an environmental health officer or an inspector appointed under the Act, who shall select the items to be tested by random sampling.

(5) A manufacturer shall not allow testing equipment on his premises to be used unless it has been inspected and a certificate of efficiency relating to that equipment has been issued by an approved laboratory within the previous 12 months.

(6) One tank in every 50 with the same nominal diameter shall be subjected to a load test.

(7) Where a tank develops a clearly visible crack while undergoing a load test it shall be rejected.

(8) Where a tank, after being tested is rejected, the entire batch of 50 shall be rejected, but where the manufacturer so desires, each of the remaining 49 tanks may be tested separately and individual tanks which pass the test may be accepted.

(9) Every tank which is accepted shall be branded, the brand shall be the word "TESTED" and the initials of the local government or Health Department (either of whom may apply the brand) in letters at least 20 mm high, and shall be placed on the inner side of the tank not more than 305 mm from the top.

(10) A certificate from an approved laboratory, identifying an item shall be accepted as proof that the item has been tested, and the local government or Officer of the Department may brand a tank accordingly.

(11) The samples for segment testing shall be blocks which are representative of the batch from which they are selected, the blocks being chosen at random by an authorized inspecting officer, and where a block fails the test the whole batch shall be rejected but where a batch complies with the specifications a certificate to that effect shall be issued by the inspecting officer, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Department.

(12) All costs and fees in relation to the testing of tanks and segments shall be borne by the manufacturer.

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- (13) The fee for testing each tank shall be \$5.00.

[Regulation 33 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
4 September 1992 pp.4473-4; 29 July 1997 pp.4082 and
4083; 5 September 1997 p.5037.]

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Construction of an *in situ* concrete septic tank

34. (1) All concrete work in connection with the construction of *in situ* concrete septic tanks, shall be carried out in strict accordance with A.S. C.A.2-1973, employing concrete mixes complying with paragraph (a) of regulation 32 of these regulations.

(2) All concrete shall be poured in continuous shallow layers not exceeding 300 mm in depth.

(3) An immersion vibrator, operating at not less than 75 Hz per second, shall be inserted vertically at not more than 460 mm intervals.

(4) All form work shall be watertight, and coated with a suitable release agent which will not retard the surface of the concrete.

(5) Dimensions and reinforcements shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications set out in Schedule 3 and shall be inspected immediately prior to the pouring of the concrete.

(6) All steel meshes shall comply with AS 1304-1991.

(7) The tank shall be filled with water immediately the forms are removed.

(8) The covers shall consist of a central *in situ* reinforced slab 125 mm thick rebated on each end 50 mm x 40 mm, and each end shall be covered with removable precast slabs 760 mm long by not more than 460 mm x 50 mm thick reinforced with F.41 steel mesh.

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(9) Every partition shall be of concrete 50 mm thick reinforced with F.41 steel mesh.

*[Regulation 34 amended in Gazette 15 December 1989
p.4549; 4 September 1992 p.4474.]*

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Construction of a brick septic tank

35. (1) All brick septic tanks shall be constructed of good quality bricks properly bonded and set in 3 in 1 cement mortar, and rendered internally to a smooth finish with a 2 in 1 cement mortar 12 mm thick.

(2) A reinforced concrete floor, a minimum of 100 mm thick, shall be poured prior to the laying of the bricks, and the floor shall extend 75 mm beyond the brickwork in all directions.

(3) (a) The walls shall be a minimum of 230 mm (1 bk) thick to a maximum depth of 1 300 mm.

(b) From a depth of 1 300 mm to 1 900 mm, the walls shall be a minimum of 350 mm thick (1½ bks).

(c) From a depth of 1 900 mm to a maximum depth of 2 400 mm the walls shall be a minimum of 470 mm thick (2 bks).

(4) No brick tank shall be so constructed as to have a depth of more than 2 400 mm.

(5) Partitions shall be in accordance with the provisions of regulations 25 and 32 or subregulation (1) of this regulation, as the case requires.

(6) Covers shall be so constructed as to comply with the provisions of subregulation (8) of regulation 34 of these regulations.

(7) The dimensions and reinforcements of a brick septic tank to be constructed in sandy conditions shall be in accordance with the plan and specifications set out in Schedule 4.

*[Regulation 35 amended in Gazette 15 December 1989
p.4549.]*

Manufacturer of a fibreglass septic tank

36. (1) A manufacturer shall not produce fibreglass septic tanks unless the design of each model has been approved by the Executive Director, Public Health and each tank conforms with the following requirements —

- (a) the resin shall be isophthalic or bisphenol type resin and shall be chemically resistant, suitable for curing at ambient and advanced temperatures with addition of suitable catalysts and promoters in accordance with the resin manufacturer's recommendations;
- (b) the glass reinforcement shall be composed of "E" type glass fibres;
- (c) the gel coat shall be unreinforced or reinforced isophthalic or bisphenol resin free from cracks, pinholes and surface defects and shall be a minimum of 0.25 mm and a maximum of 0.4 mm thick and shall include not more than 0.5% by weight of polyester compatible translucent pigment, and where isophthalic resin is used to fabricate the laminate, the gel coat must comprise an isophthalic resin, and similarly with bisphenol resins;
- (d) the tank —
 - (i) shall have a minimum total wall thickness of 5 mm and shall contain not less than 30% glass, and no fillers or pigments shall be included in the laminate;
 - (ii) shall have the exposed side of the laminate (away from the mould) coated with a clear layer of catalysed resin after the laminate has cured;
 - (iii) the inlet and outlet holes shall be accurately moulded to neatly accept all attachments which may be secured according to instructions from the manufacturer, or which may be fibreglassed into place and then coated internally with gel in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of this subregulation, and coated externally with resin in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of this subregulation; and

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- (iv) shall not exceed 3 180 litres capacity measured at the operating liquid level for which the tank has been designed;
- (e) a tank cover shall be a minimum of 5 mm thick maintaining the 30% glass content ratio and reinforced to withstand a minimum load of 0.5 tonnes and a cover shall —
 - (i) be supplied with three openings;
 - (ii) provide 150 mm diameter inspection openings over inlet and outlet squares; and
 - (iii) provide a minimum 510 mm diameter opening in the centre of the lid for cleaning purposes;
- (f) the gel coat for a tank cover may contain an opaque polyester compatible pigment in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations;
- (g) all cured laminate used in the manufacture of fibreglass tanks shall have the following properties —

Specific Gravity	1.5 min.
Flexural Strength	10 x 10 ⁴ kPa min.
Flexural Modulus	8 x 10 ⁶ kPa min.
Impact Strength	533 Joules/Metre
Hardness (Barcol) Ref,	
AS 1799.4-1985	50 min. (after 48 hours)
Moisture pick up	0.5% max. 24 hours
Glass content	30% min.
Thickness	4 mm for body per min. 5 mm for lid per min.
Specific Tolerance on length	Plus or minus 12.7 mm
Diameter including out of	
round	Plus or minus 6.5 mm
Entrapped air Max. No. of	
Bubbles	15 per 1 000 mm ²
Max. Size	1.6 mm thick;

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- (h) where the manufacturer uses the "lay up by hand" or the "lay up by spray application" method of applying fibreglass to septic tanks, he shall have available the following plant and equipment —
 - (i) a mould for the tank which may be fixed or capable of being rotated mechanically at a speed that can be adjusted by the operator;
 - (ii) equipment for measuring the thickness and degree of hardness of the walls of the completed tank at any point;
 - (iii) platform scales capable of weighing the completed tank and smaller scales for weighing the glass rovings;
- (i) one of the following means of anti-buoyancy anchorage shall be provided within the tank —
 - (i) a fibreglass flange around the outer wall of the tank at least 100 mm wide placed midway between the bottom and top of the tank; or
 - (ii) a galvanized iron pipe across the underside of the tank, held in place by nylon cord loops bonded to the base of the tank, the pipe being embedded into the earth at the side of the hole;
- (j) the following details shall be permanently affixed or incorporated within the resin in a prominent position —
 - (i) inlet and outlet positions;
 - (ii) the manufacturer's name or trade mark both on the body and cover;
 - (iii) a serial number on both the tank and the lid placed beside or under the name of the trade mark.

(2) The manufacturer shall make available a sample from each moulding, identifiable with the original moulding, and the specimen shall be at least 0.15 m² in size and be identified by the appropriate serial number.

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(3) The sample referred to in subregulation (2) of this regulation, shall be retained for a period of not less than 2 years.

(4) An environmental health officer or inspector appointed under the Act may inspect any fibreglass septic tank, conducting such tests, including the drilling of holes in the body of a tank, as he considers necessary to ascertain if it complies with these regulations, and where the fibreglass tank is accepted, it shall be branded in accordance with subregulation (9) of regulation 33 of these regulations.

(5) All costs and fees, including the cost of any repairs, in relation to the testing of a fibreglass tank shall be borne by the manufacturer.

(6) The fee for testing each tank shall be \$5.00.

*[Regulation 36 inserted in Gazette 21 April 1978
pp.1218-20; amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
4 September 1992 p.4474; 29 July 1997 p.4083; 5 September
1997 p.5037.]*

PART 4 — RESTRICTED FLUSH FIXTURES

[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4078.]

Intermediate flush fixtures and fittings

37. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Part of these regulations, where —

- (a) the area or nature of land available will not permit the satisfactory disposal of effluent from a standard 9 litre flush; or
- (b) there is not sufficient water available to operate a standard 9 litre flush at all times,

but a water supply of not less than 13.5 kl is available, the Executive Director, Public Health may approve the use of alternative fixture and fitting comprising a cistern, flush pipe and water closet pan, (herein referred to as “**intermediate flush fixtures and fittings**”) of a design approved by the Executive Director, Public Health, in which event the variations from the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws and these regulations set out in this regulation may be made.

(2) The Executive Director, Public Health shall not approve a type of any intermediate flush fixtures and fittings unless —

- (a) each pan is constructed of suitable non-absorbent materials and is of good workmanship and free from defects;
- (b) each pan, when flushed, is completely washed over the interior surface;
- (c) the water seal retained in each pan after each flushing is not less than 25 mm;
- (d) each pan is branded with the volume of the flush by means of which it is designed to operate; and
- (e) the volume of flush by means of which the pan is designed to operate is not more than 5 litres, or less than 3.5 litres.

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(3) No type of flushing cistern for use in any intermediate flush fixtures and fittings shall be approved by the Executive Director, Public Health unless —

- (a) at each operation of each cistern the volume of water flushed is not more than 5 litres, or less than 3.5 litres;
- (b) each cistern is so constructed that when filled to operating capacity an air gap is left between the surface of the water and the outlet of the ball cock;
- (c) the volume of the water flushed by each operation of each cistern is painted or otherwise displayed by a durable medium on the exterior of the cistern;
- (d) the flush pipe has an internal diameter of not less than 40 mm, expanded to 45 mm at the point of connection to the closet pan;
- (e) the length of drain between the closet pan and the septic tank serving the closet pan, or between the closet pan and any junction with a drain leading from any other fixture in regular or daily use is not longer than 3 m; and
- (f) the vent horn on the water closet pan shall be deleted except where required under the by-laws of the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Board.

*[Regulation 37 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
29 July 1997 p.4083.]*

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Minimum flush fixtures and fittings generally

38. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Part of these regulations and regulation 37 of these regulations where —

- (a) inspections and tests have been made, and it is not possible to dispose of the effluent from a septic tank used with a water closet pan by any of the methods set out in regulation 37 of these regulations; or

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- (b) where there is insufficient water to operate a flush of 3.5 litres or more at all times,

the Executive Director, Public Health may, provided that he is satisfied that satisfactory means of disposal of effluent can thereby be made available and that no nuisance will be created, approve the use of an alternative fixture and fitting comprising a cistern flushing arrangement and pan (herein referred to as "**minimum flush fixtures and fittings**") of a design approved by the Executive Director, Public Health, in which event the modifications set out in regulations 38 and 39 may be made.

(2) The Executive Director, Public Health shall not approve a type of minimum flush fixtures and fittings unless —

- (a) the pan complies with the provisions of regulation 37 except that the trap may be omitted and replaced by a mechanically operated sealing device;
- (b) the seal is maintained by water or by a sealing device held in close contact with the pan outlet and the seal is maintained at all times except when the fitting is in use;
- (c) the design of the sealing device is such that force is required to open it and that it shall return to the closed position automatically after the pan is flushed;
- (d) the mechanism of the sealing device is readily accessible, reliable and not adversely affected by corrosive atmosphere; and
- (e) the pan is capable of being flushed with 1 litre of water and the manufacture of the minimum flush fittings shall brand in an approved manner the flushing capacity thereof and for testing purposes the fittings shall flush with the quantity of water so indicated as the flushing capacity.

(3) Fixtures and fittings approved under this regulation shall be tested in suites and be clearly marked, and shall be so sold.

*[Regulation 38 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
29 July 1997 p.4083.]*

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Minimum flush fixtures and fittings on any land

39. (1) The Executive Director, Public Health shall not approve the use of minimum flush fixtures and fittings on any land unless —

- (a) the pan is mounted within 2.4 m of the septic tank;
- (b) the pan compartment is detached from the residential premises or, if attached to the residential premises, at least two sides are external walls, has no opening to the inside of the residential premises and no opening to the pan compartment is within 915 mm of any opening to the residential premises;
- (c) the dimensions and construction of the compartment shall be in accordance with the by-laws in force under the Act but, in addition, fixed glass louvres of not less than 0.19 m² shall be provided in one of the external walls and any screens or partitions erected for the purpose of securing privacy are so placed as not to interfere with adequate fresh air ventilation of the pan compartment; and
- (d) a water supply of not less than 9 kl is available to the land.

(2) Fixtures and fittings approved by the Executive Director, Public Health under this regulation shall not be connected to septic tanks to serve residential premises containing more than 5 bedrooms or to tanks treating all household wastes.

(3) Notwithstanding Part 3, a septic tank connected to the fixtures and fittings referred to in this Part shall —

- (a) have a liquid capacity of at least 1 820 litres;
- (b) where the tank is cylindrical, have a cylindrical diameter of at least 1 520 mm; and
- (c) where the tank is rectangular, have a length that is at least twice its width,

and effluent from the tank shall be disposed of within the boundary of the premises on which the tank is situated by one of the means approved under Part 7.

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(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (2) of regulation 38 of these regulations —

- (a) where a water seal is used, the depth approved by the Executive Director, Public Health of the seal shall be maintained after flushing;
- (b) where there is no water seal, the sealing device shall be such that 570 ml of water poured into the pan above the seal will not leak past the seal in less than 20 seconds; and
- (c) the inspecting officer shall from time to time after the installation has been completed repeat the test on the seal and where the seal is defective shall require the owner by notice in writing within a time specified in such notice to repair or adjust the seal, or both, so that the test will be passed.

*[Regulation 39 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
15 December 1989 p.4549; 29 July 1997 pp.4079 and 4083.]*

Certificate of approval of fixtures and fittings

40. (1) The manufacture of, or agent for fixtures or fittings referred to in this Part, may apply to the Executive Director, Public Health for a certificate of approval of any type of fixture or fitting and each application shall be accompanied by —

- (a) full scale drawings and specifications relating to the type of pan or cistern in question; and
- (b) an application fee calculated at the rate of \$2 for each type of pan or cistern in respect of which the certificate is sought.

(2) The Executive Director, Public Health may require an applicant to furnish him with a specimen or working model of the type of pan or cistern in respect of which the certificate is sought and with such further particulars relating to that type as he considers necessary for the purpose.

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(3) Upon receipt of an application the Executive Director, Public Health shall cause to be examined and inspected the drawings and specifications and the specimen or model and the further particulars furnished, if any, and if he approves of the type, he shall cause a certificate of approval in the form of Form No. 2 in Schedule 5 of these regulations to be issued to the applicant.

[Regulation 40 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
15 December 1989 p.4549; 29 July 1997 p.4083.]

Testing a closet pan or flushing cistern

41. (1) Upon receipt of an application in the form of Form No. 1 in Schedule 5 by a person who wishes to have a closet pan or flushing cistern tested, the Executive Director, Public Health shall cause the pan or cistern to be tested by an inspector who is qualified to test such apparatus.

(2) If the closet pan or flushing cistern is found fit for use, the inspector shall affix a brand thereto consisting of the letters HD ↑ which shall be 12 mm in height.

(3) Before a brand is affixed to any closet pan or flushing cistern, the applicant shall upon demand pay to the Executive Director, Public Health a charge for the registration of the application calculated as follows —

	\$
For each closet pan tested	0.20
For each flushing cistern tested	0.20
And for each application	1.00

(4) No person other than an inspector referred to in subregulation (1) of this regulation shall affix a brand of such description as is referred to in that subregulation or any mark resembling that brand to a closet pan or flushing cistern.

[Regulation 41 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
15 December 1989 p.4549.]

Restriction on variations

42. The variations set out in this Part shall be the only variations permissible in respect of installations of intermediate and restricted flush fixtures and fittings, respectively, for use with septic tanks and the installations shall in all other respects be carried out in complete accordance with the requirements of the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws, the Country Towns Sewerage By-laws and the other Parts of these regulations.

*[Regulation 42 amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 pp.4079
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PART 4A — MAINTENANCE OF AEROBIC TREATMENT UNITS

[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4079.]

Owner to ensure arrangements in place for maintenance of unit

42A. (1) The owner of any premises on which an aerobic treatment unit is installed shall ensure that at all times satisfactory arrangements are in place for the maintenance of the unit by an authorized person.

(2) Subregulation (1) applies in relation to an aerobic treatment unit whether that unit was installed before or after the commencement of this regulation.

*[Regulation 42A inserted in Gazette 4 September 1992
p.4474.]*

Units to be maintained in accordance with standard

42B. An authorized person who is responsible for the maintenance of an aerobic treatment unit that services a single dwelling (whether pursuant to an arrangement with the owner or otherwise), shall ensure that the unit is maintained in accordance with the standard known as the "Standard for Installation and Operation of Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU's) serving single dwellings" issued by the Department as at August 1992.

*[Regulation 42B inserted in Gazette 4 September 1992
p.4474.]*

Maintenance of units to be carried out by authorized persons

42C. (1) A person shall not carry out maintenance work on an aerobic treatment unit, and the owner of any premises on which an aerobic treatment unit is installed shall not arrange for a person to carry out maintenance work on the unit, unless the person is authorized by the Executive Director, Public Health under this regulation to carry out maintenance work on that type of aerobic treatment unit.

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(2) A person may apply in writing to the Executive Director, Public Health for authorization to carry out maintenance work on aerobic treatment units.

(3) Upon application under subregulation (2), the Executive Director, Public Health may authorize the applicant to carry out maintenance work on aerobic treatment units and the Executive Director shall specify in the authorization the type or types of unit which the applicant is authorized to maintain.

(4) The Executive Director, Public Health shall not authorize a person to carry out maintenance work on any type of aerobic treatment unit unless the Executive Director is satisfied that the person is duly qualified to carry out maintenance work on that type of unit.

(5) Authorization may be given —

- (a) to a specified person or to a specified class of persons; and
- (b) subject to such conditions or restrictions as the Executive Director, Public Health thinks fit.

(6) Authorization may at any time be amended or revoked by the Executive Director, Public Health if the Executive Director is satisfied that a person —

- (a) has failed to maintain an aerobic treatment unit in accordance with these regulations; or
- (b) has contravened a condition or restriction attached to the authorization.

(7) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Director, Public Health under this regulation may appeal in writing against that decision to the Minister who may uphold, set aside or amend the decision.

(8) An appeal under subregulation (7) shall be lodged within 28 days of the decision of the Executive Director, Public Health and shall set out the grounds for the appeal.

(9) The Minister shall determine the appeal on the material that was before the Executive Director, Public Health and on such other materials as the Minister thinks fit to consider.

*[Regulation 42C inserted in Gazette 4 September 1992
pp.4474-5.]*

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Authorized person to notify new owner of maintenance requirements for unit

42D. Where an authorized person becomes aware of any change in the ownership of premises on which an aerobic treatment unit is installed, the authorized person shall, as soon as practicable after becoming aware of that change in ownership, take reasonable steps to inform the new owner of —

- (a) the general requirements for the maintenance of the unit;
- (b) the requirement for the owner to ensure that satisfactory arrangements are in place for the maintenance of the unit; and
- (c) the need to maintain the irrigation system of the unit in an unaltered form.

*[Regulation 42D inserted in Gazette 4 September 1992
p.4475.]*

PART 5 — DRY TYPE SEPTIC TANK

[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4079.]

Dry type septic tank

43. Notwithstanding the provisions of any of the preceding Parts of these regulations, where, for any reason, it is impractical to install any other type of treatment tanks, the Executive Director, Public Health may approve the installation of a "Dry Type" Septic Tank, which shall comply with the following conditions: —

- (a) the tank shall only be installed with the written approval of the Executive Director, Public Health and in a position approved by an environmental health officer;
- (b) the tank shall be constructed as set out in Schedule 6, unless otherwise specified by the Executive Director, Public Health;
- (c) the tank shall not be within 6 m of any house, or 1.8 m of any boundary or 30 m of any well, creek or underground source of water;
- (d) the door of the privy shall be hung so that there is, when the door is closed, a clear space of at least 75 mm above and below it;
- (e) the wall of the privy opposite the door shall have a fixed glazed louvre of not less than 0.1 m² situated 1.8 m above floor level;
- (f) the pedestal pan shall be of an approved type, built into the floor of the closet and shall be provided with a close fitting lid;
- (g) the liquid capacity of the tank shall be at least 1 820 litres;
- (ga) the tank shall serve only residential premises with not more than 5 bedrooms;

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- (h) effluent disposal shall be by one of the means set out in Part 7 of these regulations except that a soak well may be reduced to 915 mm diameter and 1.2 m deep, a french or leach drain to 6 m minimum length, and an evaporation drain to 9 m minimum length; and
- (i) the educt vent shall be fitted with a mosquito proof cowl approved by the Executive Director, Public Health.

*[Regulation 43 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
15 December 1989 p.4550; 29 July 1997 pp.4079 and 4083;
5 September 1997 p.5037.]*

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Area prescribed under section 110

44. *[(1) and (2) repealed]*

(3) In pursuance of section 110 of the Act, the whole of every local government district is prescribed as being the area within which provision may be made for the reception of nightsoil below ground by means of a bore-hole type privy.

*[Regulation 44 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
1 July 1997 p.3255; 29 July 1997 p.4082.]*

[Heading deleted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4082.]

Chemical closet pan

45. Chemical closet pans and the sanitary powders or sanitary fluids associated therewith shall not be installed or used without the approval of the Executive Director, Public Health.

[Regulation 45 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781.]

**PART 6 — EMPTYING A SEPTIC TANK, RECEPTACLE FOR
DRAINAGE OR AEROBIC TREATMENT UNIT**

[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4080.]

**Emptying a septic tank, receptacle for drainage or aerobic
treatment unit**

46. Where the *Environmental Protection (Liquid Waste)
Regulations 1996* do not apply, a septic tank, receptacle for drainage or
aerobic treatment unit shall be emptied —

- (a) in a manner; and
- (b) by a person,

approved by the relevant local government.

[Regulation 46 inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4080.]

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PART 7 — DISPOSAL OF EFFLUENT AND LIQUID WASTES

[Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4080.]

Receptacles for drainage and sedimentation tanks

47. (1) Every apparatus shall have at least one receptacle for drainage, that complies with regulations 49 and 50, for the efficient disposal of effluent.

(2) Every liquid waste system on residential premises shall have a receptacle, or receptacles, for drainage connected to a sedimentation tank.

*[Regulation 47 inserted in Gazette 15 December 1989
p.4550.]*

Receptacles for drainage — nightsoil disposal

48. Where nightsoil is disposed of by means other than deep sewerage or bacteriolytic treatment tanks, every premises so served shall be provided with a receptacle for drainage approved by the Executive Director, Public Health.

[Regulation 48 amended in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4080.]

Requirements for receptacles for drainage

49. (1) The receptacles for drainage referred to in regulations 47 and 48 shall —

- (a) be constructed in accordance with an approval and the specifications set out in Schedule 7;
- (b) subject to subregulation (5) be constructed so that effluent or liquid wastes will not be discharged into the ground at a distance less than 30 m from any well, stream or underground source of water intended for consumption by humans;
- (c) not be constructed within 6 m of any subsoil drainage system or open drainage channel;

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- (d) be located where approved; and
- (e) if on residential premises, comply with subregulation (2) or (3).

(2) On residential premises with a combined system (other than blocks of flats or units with more than 4 bedrooms) —

- (a) that have an alternating system, the type, minimum number and size of receptacles for drainage and the minimum infiltrative area of those receptacles shall be as specified in the Table to this regulation in relation to the number of bedrooms of the premises and the classification of soil on the premises;
- (b) that have a non-alternating system, the receptacles for drainage used shall provide a minimum infiltrative area of twice the minimum infiltrative area required under the Table to this regulation if the system was an alternating system.

(3) On residential premises where subregulation (2) does not apply, the receptacles for drainage on any apparatus shall provide a minimum infiltrative area determined in accordance with the following formula —

$$A = \frac{V}{\text{L.I.R.}}$$

where —

A = minimum infiltrative area (m²)

V = volume of wastewater (litres), calculated under Schedule 9

L.I.R. = loading infiltration rate, in accordance with Schedule 8.

(4) An approving body may approve of the use of a type or minimum number and size of receptacles for drainage that vary from those specified under subregulation (2) (a) provided that —

- (a) an equivalent minimum infiltrative area to that provided under subregulation (2) (a) is achieved; and
- (b) structural integrity is maintained.

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(5) An approving body may approve the construction of a receptacle for drainage, at a distance less than 30 metres from a well, stream or underground source of water referred to in subregulation (1) (b) where the Executive Director, Public Health is satisfied that such construction would not cause any risk to public health.

TABLE
FOR COMBINED SYSTEMS, OTHER THAN BLOCKS OF
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Number of bedrooms	Soil Classification				
	Sand			Loams or gravels	
	Minimum infiltrative area (m ²)	French, leach or evaporation drain (number x length)	Soak wells	Minimum infiltrative area (m ²)	French, leach or evaporation drain (number x length)
2 or less	18.8	2 x 6m	3	28.2	2 x 9m
3	25.4	2 x 8m	4	38.1	2 x 12m
4 or more	27.6	2 x 9m	4	41.5	2 x 13m

NOTES

1. French drain sizes are calculated on the basis of the standard dimensions of 400 mm effective depth and 600 mm internal width.
2. Leach drain sizes are calculated on the basis of the standard dimensions of 600 mm effective depth and 400 mm internal width.
3. Evaporation drain sizes are calculated on the basis of the standard dimensions of 410 mm effective depth and 610 mm internal width.

[Regulation 49 inserted in Gazette 15 December 1989 pp.4550-1; amended in Gazette 12 November 1993 p.6143; 29 July 1997 pp.4080-1.]

Drainage of effluent and liquid wastes

50. (1) Unless otherwise specified in regulation 49, all effluent and liquid wastes from premises shall be conducted by means of an earthenware drain, or a drain of other material approved by the Executive Director, Public Health and installed in accordance with the by-laws made under the *Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act 1909*, or the *Country Towns Sewerage Act 1948* —

- (a) direct into a soak well or soak wells complying with the following provisions —
 - (i) a sketch plan showing design, situation and construction of the soak well or wells together with the connections with the soak well, or soak wells, shall be submitted to and approved in writing;
 - (ii) the soak well shall be at least 1.2 m in diameter and 1.5 m effective depth, unless otherwise approved in writing;
 - (iii) where there is a series of more than one soak well, the earthenware drain from the house shall connect with only one of those wells, and the connection between the well into which the connection discharges and subsequent wells shall be by means of a long square junction on the outlet pipe;
 - (iv) any combined system shall have at least 2 soak wells, the dimensions of the trenches for which shall be determined taking into account the absorptive capacity of the soil as determined using the formula set out in Schedule 8; and
 - (v) the soak well shall not be situated closer than 1.8 m to any boundary of a lot, building, septic tank or other soak well, unless otherwise approved;
- (b) into a ventilated, impervious receptacle fitted with a gas-tight cover that is approved by the Executive Director, Public Health and which complies with the following conditions —
 - (i) the contents of the receptacle shall be removed at such times and with such frequency and in such manner as are directed by an environmental health officer;

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- (ii) the occupier shall not permit the receptacle to overflow or become offensive;
 - (iii) the receptacle shall be situated where directed by an environmental health officer;
 - (iv) where the contents of the receptacle are to be disposed of by pumping to some other outlet, the capacity of the receptacle shall be as approved and the receptacle shall be provided with an approved automatically operated electrically driven pump, permanently installed and equipped with an approved warning device;
 - (v) where the contents of the receptacle are to be disposed of by tanker, then the capacity of the receptacle shall be as approved;
 - (vi) impervious receptacles shall be suitably anchored in the ground to prevent them from floating or otherwise moving when subjected to external hydrostatic pressure; and
 - (vii) the material used in the construction of an impervious receptacle shall be to the same specification as that for a septic tank of equivalent size;
- (c) into a french drain, which complies with the following conditions: —
- (i) a sketch plan showing the design, situation and construction, together with the connections with the french drain shall be submitted to and approved before construction is commenced;
 - (ii) the dimensions of the trench shall be determined taking into account the absorptive capacity of the soil as determined using the formula set out in Schedule 8 but shall not have a greater effective depth than 610 mm;

- (iii) the french drain shall not be situated closer than 3.5 m from any dwelling, no closer than 6 m from any window or door of any dwelling, nor closer than 1.8 m from any boundary, unless otherwise approved; and
 - (iv) the french drain, and all fittings connected thereto, shall at all times be maintained in good order and condition;
- (d) into a leach drain which complies with the following conditions: —
- (i) a sketch plan of the proposed leach drain showing details of construction, dimensions, levels and situation and connections to be made shall have been submitted to and approved before construction is commenced;
 - (ii) the drain shall have a 610 mm overall width;
 - (iii) the dimensions of the trench shall be determined taking into account the absorptive capacity of the soil as determined using the formula set out in Schedule 8, provided that no drain shall have a greater effective depth than 610 mm;
 - (iv) the drain shall be constructed of good quality bricks laid with open joints and having the top three courses or all courses above the overt of the inlet set in 6-1-1 mortar, or of precast concrete and concrete masonry segments which comply with the standard for blocks, AS 2733-1984 and having all courses above the overt of the inlet set in 6-1-1 sand cement and lime mortar;
 - (v) the bed of the drain shall have a fall of 1 in 200 away from the inlet pipe;
 - (vi) a concrete slab shall be fitted into the bed beneath the inlet pipe to prevent scouring of the beds;

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- (vii) bridging pieces shall be placed between the walls of the drain at not more than 1.2 m centres, and the bridging pieces shall have apertures equal to at least 15% of their surface area and be so positioned as to allow the free passage of liquids;
 - (viii) if the walls of the drain are constructed of bricks, the bridging pieces shall extend to the top of the drain;
 - (ix) the drain shall be fitted with 610 mm x 610 mm reinforced concrete slabs, 50 mm thick, the reinforcement shall be F.41 steel fabric over the whole slab and the joints shall be rebated and be grouted and sealed with weak mortar if the final earth cover is less than 150 mm;
 - (x) the drain shall not be situated closer than 1.8 m from any septic tank, building or boundary of a lot, unless otherwise approved; and
 - (xi) the leach drain, and all fittings connected thereto shall at all times be maintained in good order and condition, and when required by an environmental health officer any leach drain shall be emptied, cleaned and rebuilt in such manner and within such time as may be specified in the requisition;
- (e) into an evaporation drain which complies with the following conditions: —
- (i) the trench shall be not less than 9 m long, of level grade, surround filling consisting of 50 mm or 75 mm gauge broken blue metal or approved gravel particles; filling on top to be of sharp, clean sand over a layer of paper or other similar material, but not water-proof;
 - (ii) a sketch plan showing design, situation and construction of the type of drain provided shall have been submitted to and approved before construction is commenced;

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- (iii) the dimensions of the trench shall be determined taking into account the absorptive capacity of the soil as determined using the formula set out in Schedule 8 provided that no drain shall have a greater effective depth than 610 mm.
- (iv) the profile shall be fibreglass or plastic of corrugated construction with a curved roof and shall be within the dimensional range of 230 mm to 610 mm in height and 450 mm to 610 mm in width and of sufficient strength to withstand a load of 7 kPa applied vertically on the roof.

Sufficient orifices of at least 5% of the surface area shall be built into both vertical sides and so constructed as to prevent stone, sand, or gravel ingress from the outside and a bearing flange of moulded construction shall be built into the bottom of the vertical sides.

- (v) the minimum property requirements of fibreglass sheeting shall comply with paragraph (g) of regulation 36 of these regulations; and
- (vi) plastic manufacture shall be in accordance with the approval of the Executive Director, Public Health;

or

- (f) into a waste stabilization pond constructed in accordance with plans, specifications and dimensions approved by the Executive Director, Public Health and complying with the following conditions —
 - (i) the pond shall have an effective depth of 1.07 m unless otherwise approved by the Executive Director, Public Health;
 - (ii) the sides shall have a slope of 3 : 1;
 - (iii) the bank shall have a minimum width of 2.4 m, and shall be raised at least 228 mm above natural ground level;

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- (iv) the inner banks shall be kept clear of weed growth at all times;
- (v) all overflow channels and drainage areas shall be kept free of weed growth; and
- (vi) the pond shall be surrounded with a 1.8 m wire mesh fence, with a locked access gate.

(2) Where a grease intercepting trap, soap trap, junction box, distribution pit, or any other fitting approved by the Executive Director, Public Health, is considered necessary by an environmental health officer for the efficient functioning of the receptacle for drainage, it shall be installed at the premises and situated where directed by the environmental health officer.

(3) The provision and repair, but not the maintenance and cleansing, of a receptacle for drainage as referred to in this regulation shall be the responsibility of the owner of the premises whereon the receptacle for drainage is provided or to be provided.

*[Regulation 50 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
15 December 1989 p.4551; 4 September 1992 p.4475;
29 July 1997 pp.4081 and 4083; 5 September 1997 p.5037.]*

PART 8 — MANUFACTURING

[*Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4081.*]

Marks and brands

51. (1) Any person who manufactures for sale any article intended for use in the installation of an apparatus for the treatment of sewage, or receptacle for drainage, shall apply to the Executive Director, Public Health for registration of a mark or distinguishing brand to be used for the purposes of this Division.

(2) Every article intended for use in the construction of an apparatus for the treatment of sewage shall be legibly marked with the name of the manufacturer or his registered mark or brand.

(3) The name, mark or brand referred to in subregulation (2) of this regulation shall be moulded into the article at the time of casting or shall be marked by the use of a stencil with a durable branding material before the article is removed from the factory.

(4) Every septic tank shall, immediately the moulds are removed, have the words "inlet" and "outlet" stencilled above their respective openings on the inside of the pipe.

(5) Every septic tank shall be marked legibly with the date of its manufacture.

(6) Concrete segments intended for use in any apparatus shall be so stacked that each day's manufacture is segregated from any other day's manufacture, and each stack shall be clearly labelled with the date of manufacture and be visible at all times to a purchaser or inspecting officer.

[*Regulation 51 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
4 September 1992 p.4475.*]

Wet or steam curing

52. A person shall not sell any article intended for use as a septic tank, receptacle for drainage or lid thereof unless the article has been continuously wet cured for at least 7 days, or alternatively steam cured at 75°C for a minimum of 8 hours, and no such article shall be removed from the factory within 14 days.

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Refusal to sell

53. A manufacturer of any article intended for use in the installation of any apparatus for the treatment of sewage or receptacle for drainage who refuses to sell to a person, authorized in that behalf by the Executive Director, Public Health, any such article or sample or portion thereof commits an offence.

*[Regulation 53 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781;
4 September 1992 p.4475.]*

PART 9 — OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

[*Heading inserted in Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4081.*]

Offences and penalties

54. (1) A person who contravenes a provision of the regulations specified in the Table to this subregulation commits an offence.

Table

Regulations 5 (4), 6 (2), 7A, 8, 8A, 9, 10 (5), 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 (2), 18A, 19, 20A, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 41 (4), 42A, 42B, 42C (1), 42D, 43, 44 (2), 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52.

(2) A person who commits an offence under subregulation (1) or under regulation 53 is liable to —

- (a) a penalty which is not more than \$1 000 and not less than —
 - (i) in the case of a first offence, \$100;
 - (ii) in the case of a second offence, \$200; and
 - (iii) in the case of a third or subsequent offence, \$500; and
- (b) if that offence is a continuing offence, a daily penalty which is not more than \$100 and not less than \$50.

[*Regulation 54 inserted in Gazette 15 December 1989 p.4551; amended in Gazette 4 September 1992 p.4476; 29 July 1997 p.4082; 5 September 1997 p.5037; 1 May 1998 p.2273.*]

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SCHEDULE 1

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FEEES

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee</i>
		\$
1.	Application for the approval of an apparatus by local government under regulation 4	75.00
2.	Application for the approval of an apparatus by the Executive Director, Public Health under regulation 4A —	
	(a) with a local government report	35.00
	(b) without a local government report (regulation 4A (4))	110.00
3.	Fee for an inspection of an apparatus under regulation 10 (1) —	
	(a) for one or 2 major fixtures	50.00
	(b) for each additional major fixture	12.00
4.	Fee for an inspection of an apparatus under regulation 10 (3)	25.00

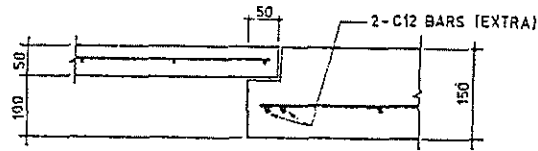
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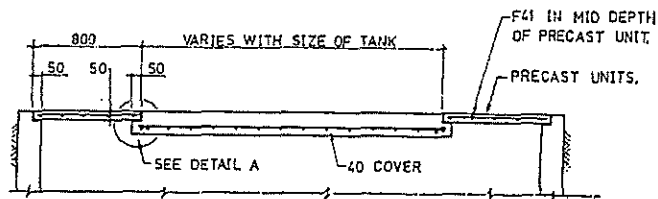
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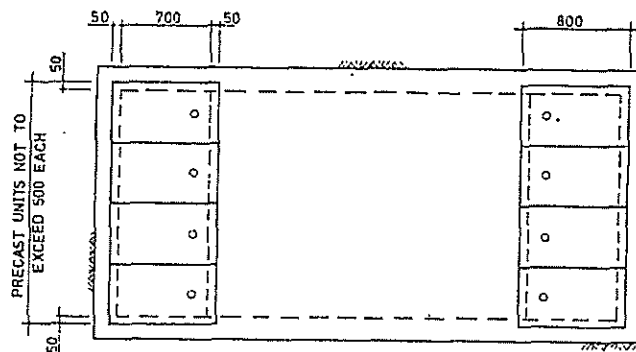
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DETAIL A
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SECTION THRU PRECAST & INSITU COVERS

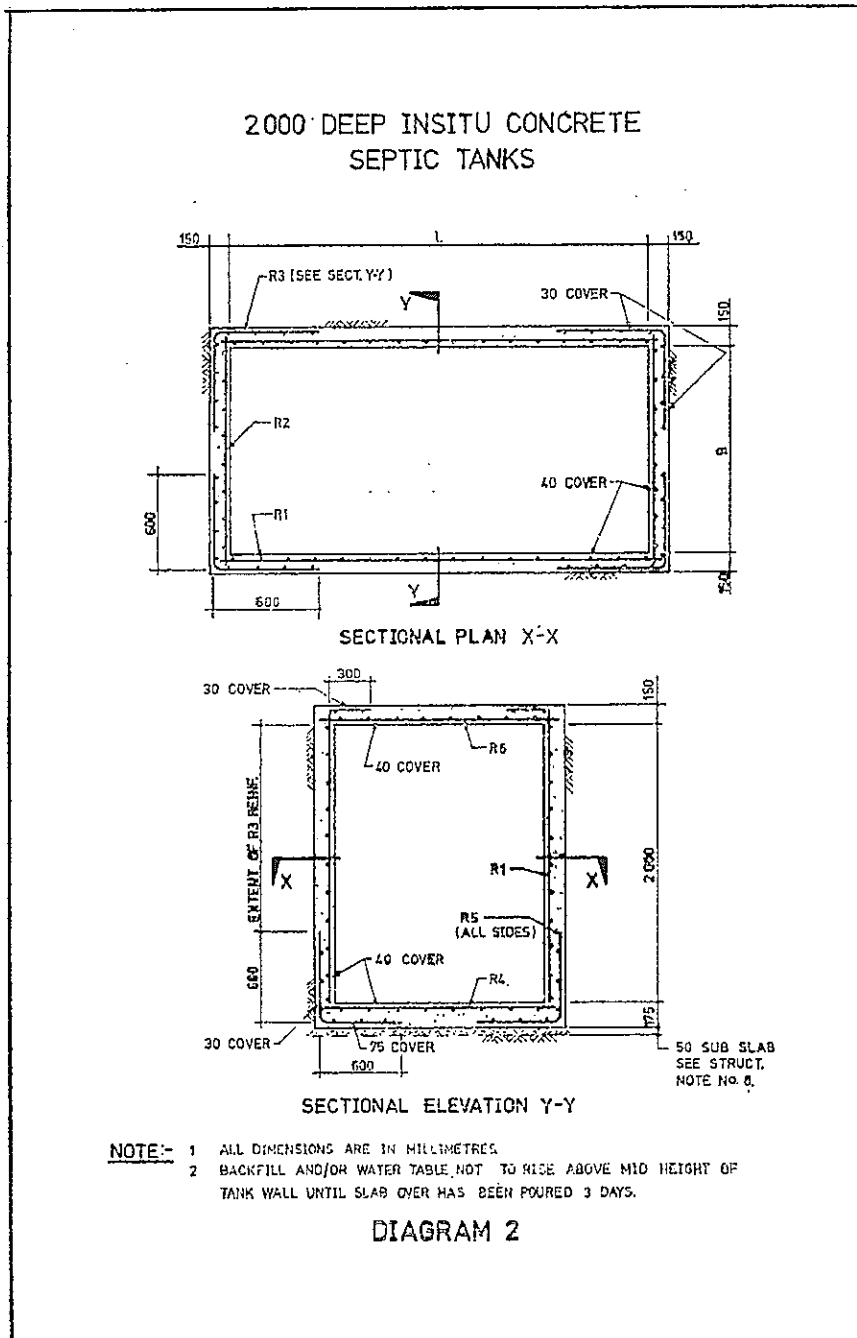


PLAN OF TYPICAL TANK COVERS

- NOTE:- 1 ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETRES.
2 STRUCTURAL NOTES AS FOR 2000 DEEP TANK.

DIAGRAM 1

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DEPTH 2 000

L x B	FABRIC REINFORCEMENT FOR 2 000 DEEP TANK					
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
3 000 x 1 500	F82	F82	F82	F92	F82	F92
3 600 x 1 900	F82	F82	F82	F92	F82	F92
4 200 x 2 200	F82	F82	F82	F92	F82	F92
4 800 x 2 500	F82	F82	F82	F102	F82	F102
5 500 x 2 800	F82	F82	F82	F81	F82	F81

STRUCTURAL NOTES

- 1 ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETRES.
- 2 CONCRETE TO BE GRADE 25.
- 3 MAX. SLUMP (A) IN WALLS TO BE 100mm.
(B) IN COVERS AND FLOOR TO BE 80mm.
- 4 CONCRETE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.A.A. CODE AS 1480.
- 5 ALL FABRIC IS TO COMPLY WITH A.S. No. 1304.
- 6 CONCRETE TO BE PLACED USING VIBRATORS.
- 7 REINF. TO BE HELD IN PLACE USING PLASTIC TIPPED WIRE CHAIRS.
- 8 UNREINFORCED CONCRETE SUB SLAB 50 mm. THICK MAY BE USED UNDER STRUCTURAL BASE SLAB IF REQUIRED BY UNFAVOURABLE SOIL CONDITIONS.
- 9 THIS DRG. TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH PLAN AND SPEC. ON APPLICATION FORM
- 10 ALL CODES MUST BE LATEST EDITION WITH ALL AMENDMENTS ATTACHED.

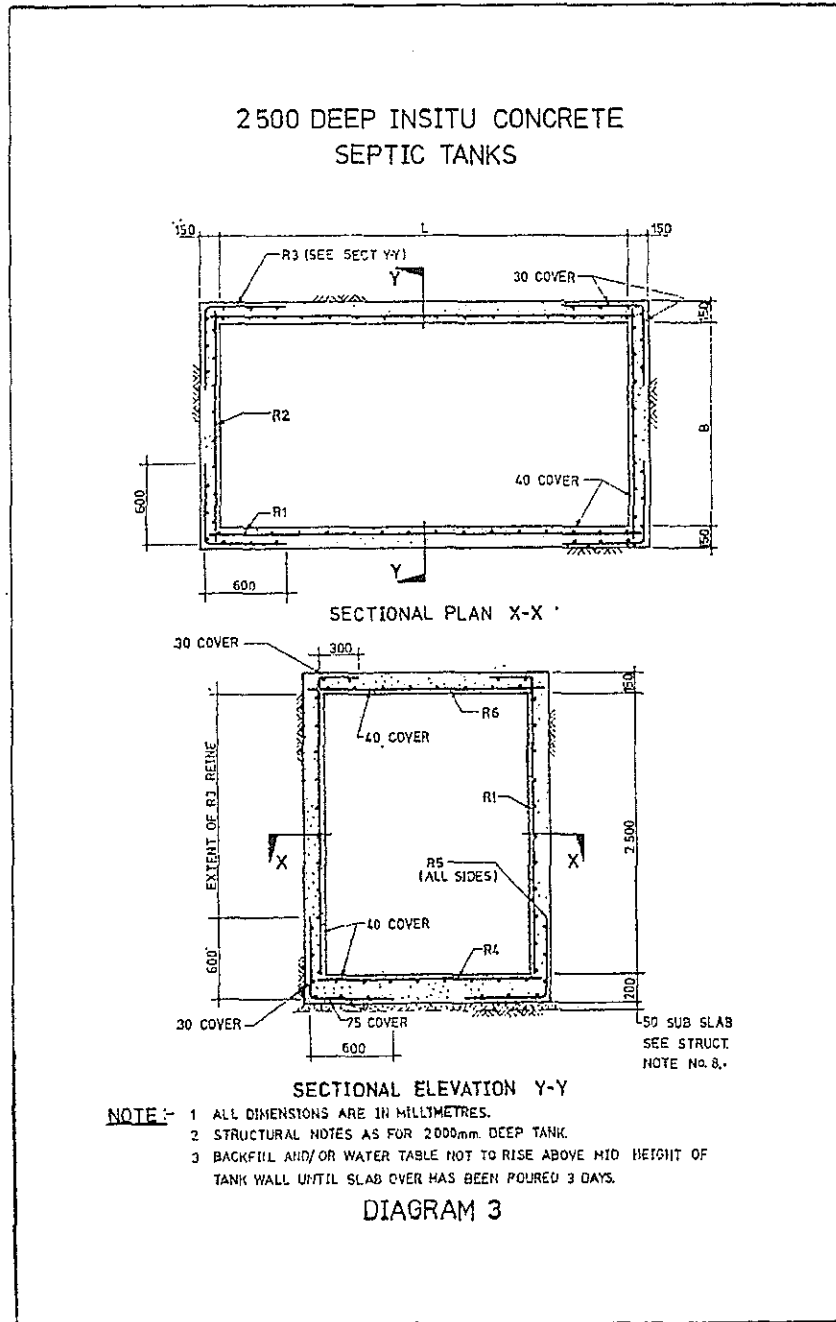
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L x B	BAR REINFORCEMENT FOR 2 000 DEEP TANK					
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3 600 x 1 900	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE
4 200 x 2 200	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE
4 800 x 2 500	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 250 E.W.	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 250 E.W.
5 500 x 2 800	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 200 E.W.	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 200 E.W.

LEGEND

- C COLD TWISTED DEFORMED BARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 1002.
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DEPTH 2 500

L x B	FABRIC REINFORCEMENT FOR 2 500 DEEP TANK					
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
3 000 x 1 500	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92
3 600 x 1 900	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92
4 200 x 2 200	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92
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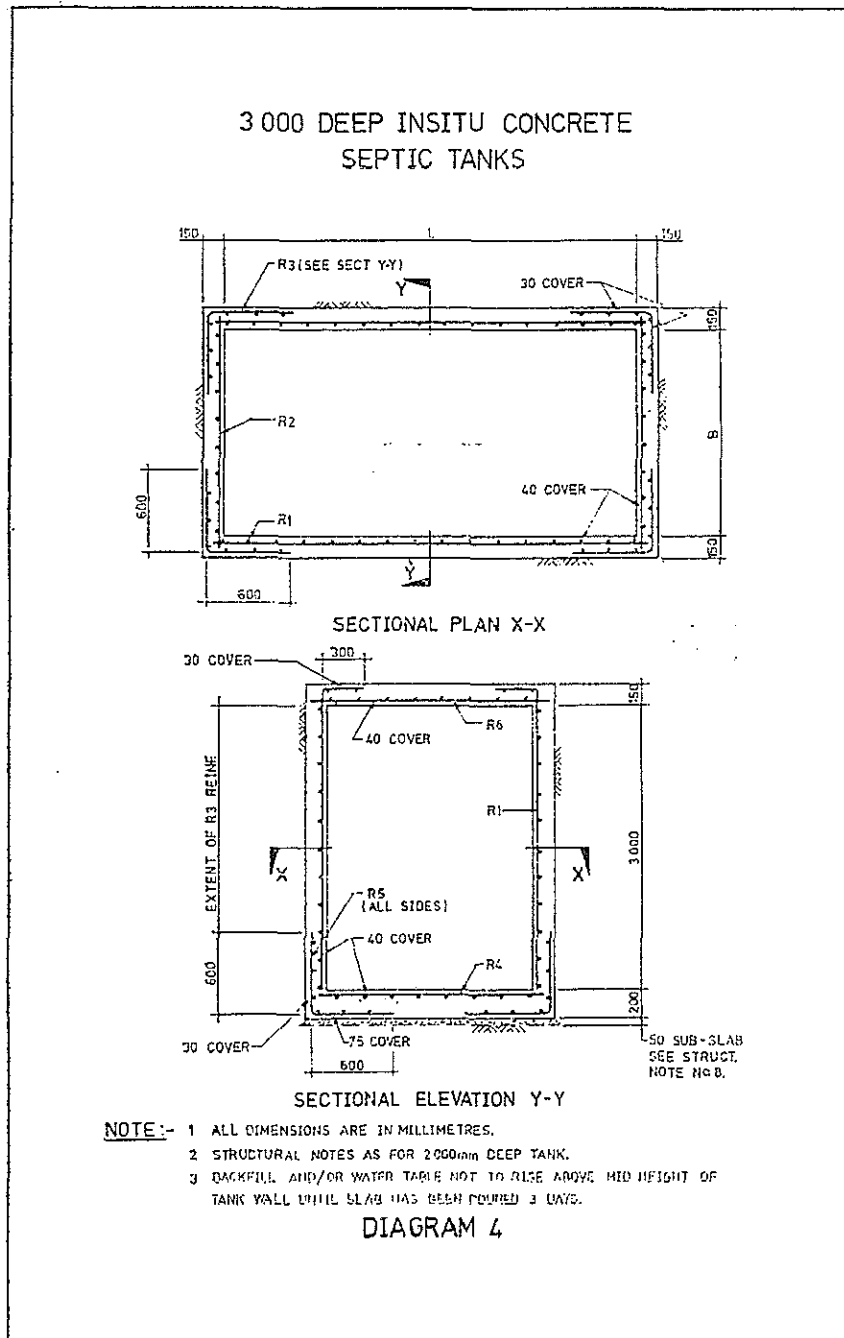
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3 600 x 1 900	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE
4 200 x 2 200	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE
4 800 x 2 500	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 250 E.W.	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 250 E.W.
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DEPTH 3 000

L x B	FABRIC REINFORCEMENT FOR 3 000 DEEP TANK					
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
3 000 x 1 500	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92
3 600 x 1 900	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92	F92
4 200 x 2 200	F102	F92	F92	F102	F92	F102
4 800 x 2 500	F102	F92	F92	F102	F92	F102
5 500 x 2 800	F81	F92	F92	F81	F92	F81

ALTERNATIVE REINFORCEMENT

L x B	BAR REINFORCEMENT FOR 3 000 DEEP TANK					
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
3 000 x 1 500	C12 AT 300 E.W.	C12 AT 300 E.W.	C12 AT 300 E.W.	C12 AT 300 E.W.	C12 AT 300 E.W.	C12 AT 300 E.W.
3 600 x 1 900	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE
4 200 x 2 200	C12 AT 250 E.W.	AS ABOVE	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 250 E.W.	AS ABOVE	C12 AT 250 E.W.
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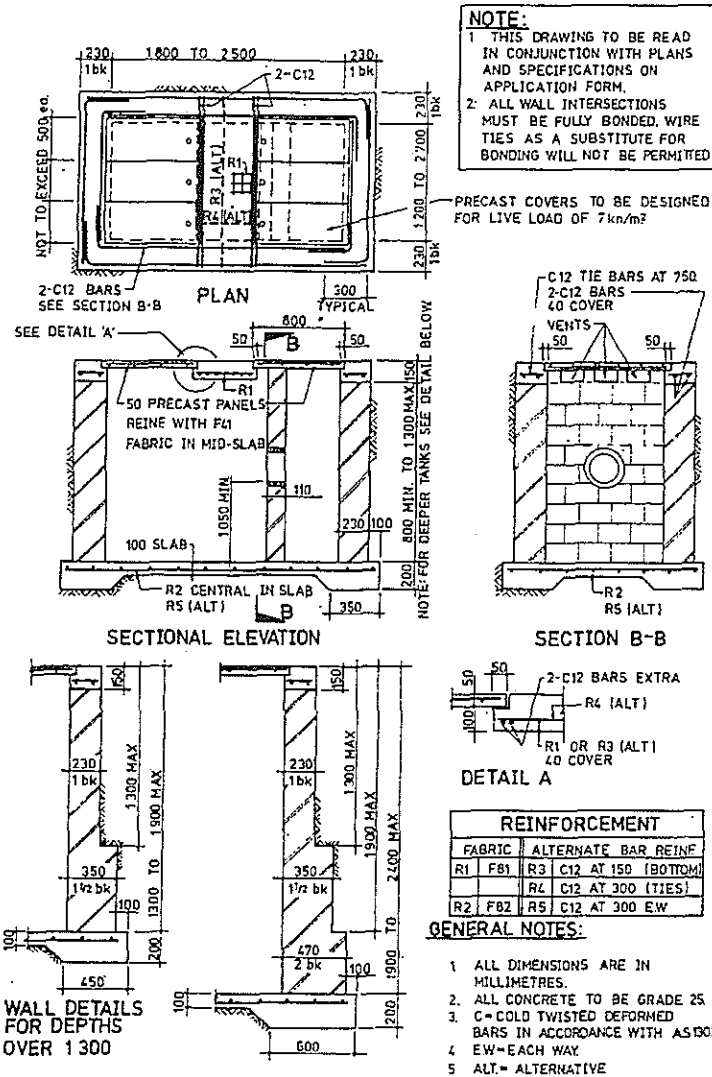
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Schedule 4

[Reg. 35]

**STRUCTURAL DETAILS OF BRICK SEPTIC TANK
(SAND CONDITIONS ONLY)**



[Schedule 4 amended in Gazette 15 December 1989 p.4552.]

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Sch. 5

Schedule 5

[Reg. 41]

Form No. 1

HEALTH ACT 1911

**Bacteriolytic Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and
Liquid Waste Regulations**

**APPLICATION FOR TESTING OF SANITARY FIXTURES
AND FITTINGS**

To the Executive Director, Public Health and Scientific Support
Services:

It is requested that you arrange for the articles specified hereunder
to be tested for approval in accordance with the *Health Act 1911*.

I undertake to pay the prescribed fee for the service on demand.

Articles:

Description:

Number:

Location:

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

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Form No. 2

HEALTH ACT 1911

Bacteriolytic Treatment of Sewage and Disposal
of Effluent and Liquid Waste Regulations

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

This Certificate of Approval is granted in respect of the type of
article described hereunder in accordance with the *Health Act 1911*.

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Issued at Perth, this day of , 19

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT
SERVICES

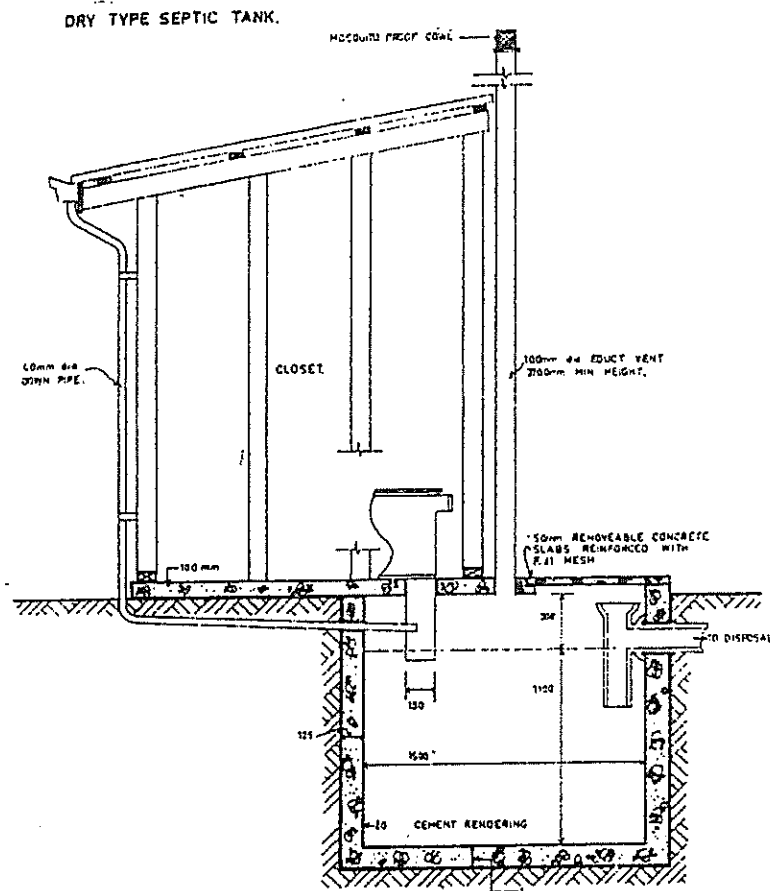
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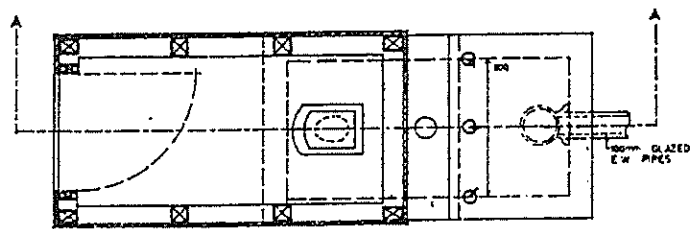
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[Reg. 43]



SECTION A-A.



PLAN.

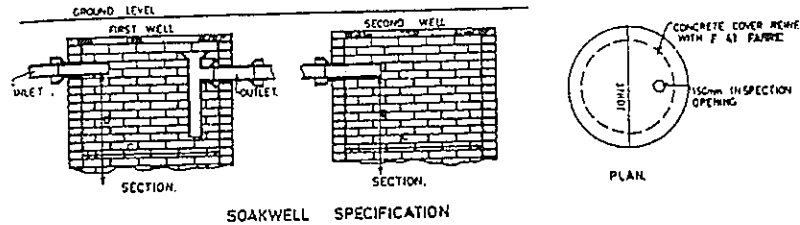
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Schedule 7

Form No. 1.

[Reg. 49 (1)]



D' & C' TO BE AT COURSE HEIGHT BUT NOT LESS
THAN 1500 FOR C' AND 1600 FOR D'.

Soak Well — To be constructed as shown on plan, having the three top courses or all courses above the overt to be set in 2 in 1 cement mortar, the remainder in open jointed brickwork, laid dry, in stretcher courses, or constructed in approved cement segments or bricks which comply with the standard for blocks, class A.A.S. A87-1963.

Size — Bricks or segments shall have a minimum bearing face of 100 mm and shall be laid over the full bearing face in each course.

Sufficient openings shall be provided in any soak well to allow for the efficient disposal of the effluent, and shall be not less than 10% of the surface area.

Inspection Openings and square junction to be provided as shown.

When completed it shall show a circular, smooth and regular internal surface.

All soak wells shall be 1.2 m in dia. and with a 1.5 m effective depth unless otherwise specified or approved by the Local Government.

The top of the soak well shall not be more than 300 mm or less than 150 mm below ground level, unless otherwise approved by the Local Government.

Soak wells in series shall have a long square on the outlet as shown.

Cover — Shall be of concrete in section with rebated joint as shown, reinforced with No. F.41 steel mesh fabric, joints of mesh shall be securely tied with a full two mesh overlap, unless otherwise specified.

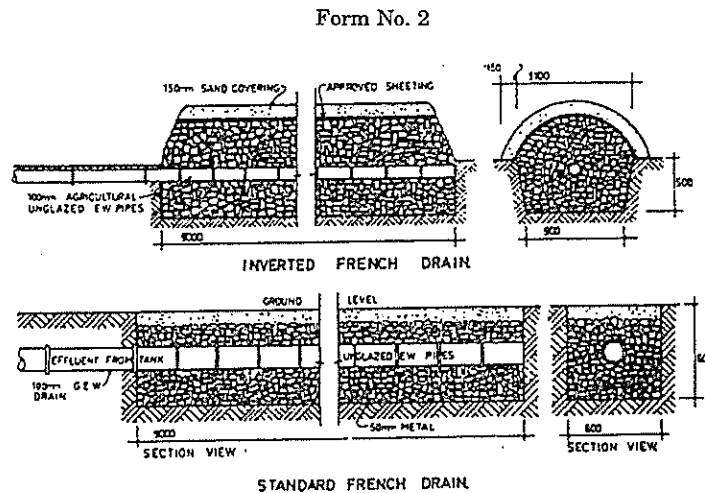
The covers shall withstand a flexural test of 2 MPa and a load bearing of 7 kPa.

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Traffic covers shall be constructed to specific Departmental specifications.

No soak well shall be situated closer than 1.8 m to any building, boundary fence or septic tank, unless otherwise approved by the Local Government.



Specifications

Trench to be not less than 9 m long, constructed as shown.

Filling to consist of 50 mm or 75 mm gauge broken blue metal; filling on top may be of smaller gauge metal with sand over approved sheeting.

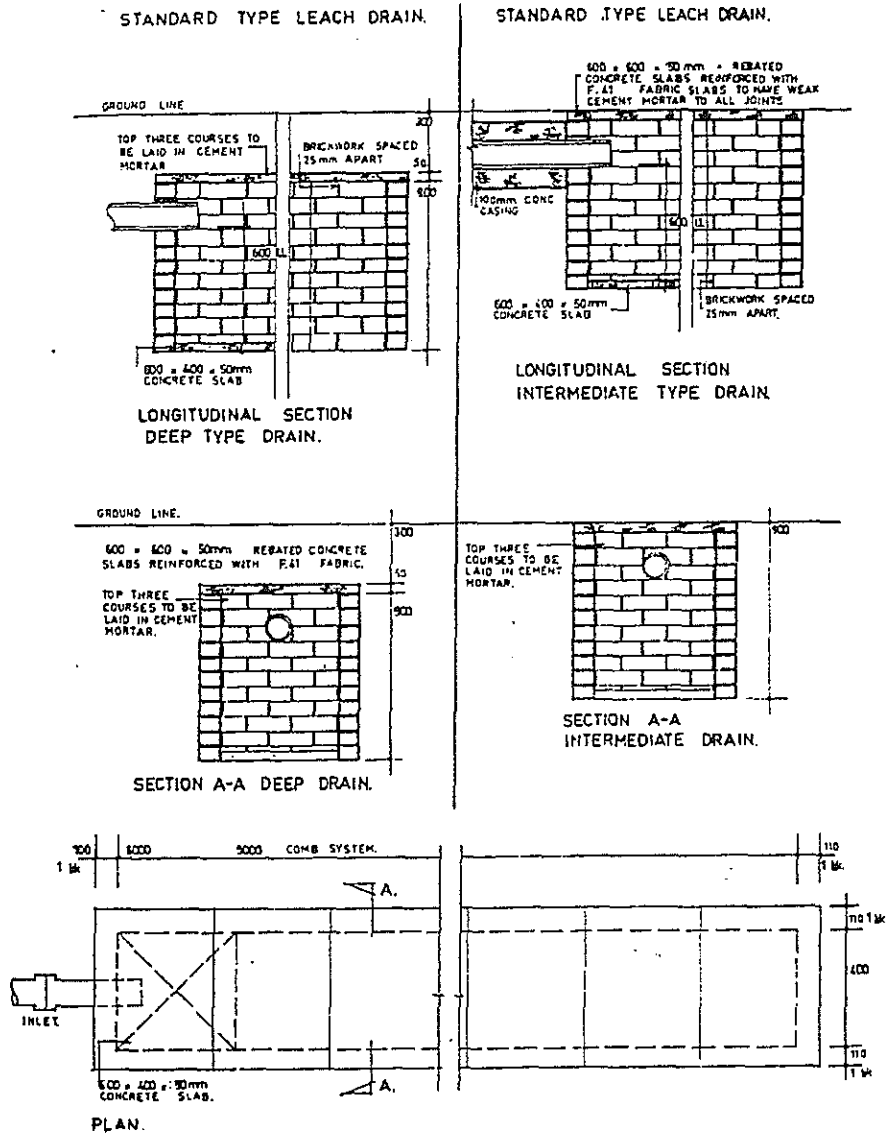
Distributing pipe to be 75 mm or 100 mm diameter unglazed agricultural pipes laid with open butt joints, or other approved piping.

Grade shall be laid at not more than 1 in 200.

A French drain shall not be situated closer than 3.5 m from any dwelling nor closer than 6 m from any window or door of any dwelling, nor closer than 1.8 m from any lot boundary, unless otherwise approved by the Local Government.

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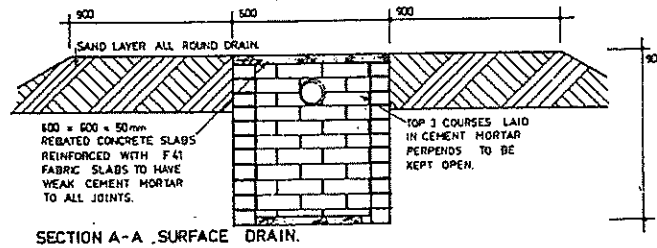
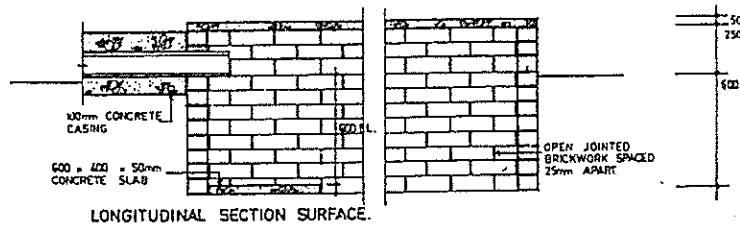
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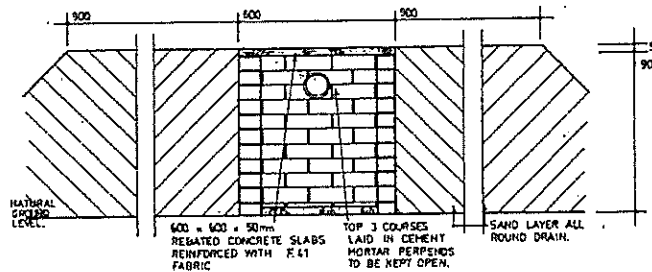
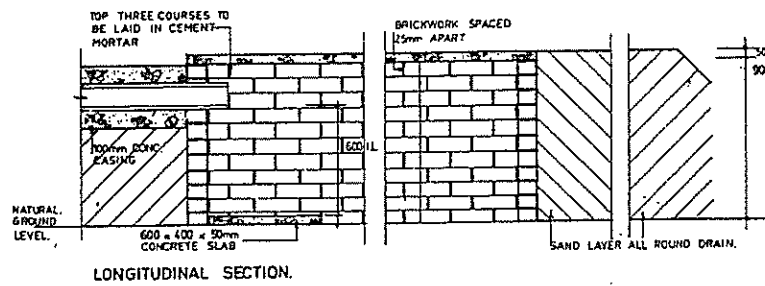
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SEMI INVERTED TYPE LEACH DRAIN.



FULLY INVERTED TYPE LEACH DRAIN.



DETAILS OF LEACH DRAIN.

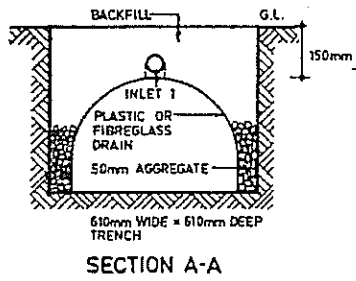
THE DRAIN SHALL NOT BE SITUATED CLOSER THAN 2000 FROM ANY SEPTIC TANK, BUILDING OR BOUNDARY OF A LOT, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
MINIMUM LENGTH SEPARATE SYSTEMS TO HAVE DRAIN 6000 LONG COMBINED SYSTEMS TO HAVE DRAIN 9000 LONG REINFORCED CONCRETE PAVING SLABS POSITIONED BENEATH INLET AND BRICK SPREADER WALLS PROVIDED NOT MORE THAN 1200 cts
SEGMENTS WHERE SEGMENTS ARE USED ALL COURSES ABOVE THE OVERT OF THE INLET TO BE LAID 3:1 CEMENT MORTAR.

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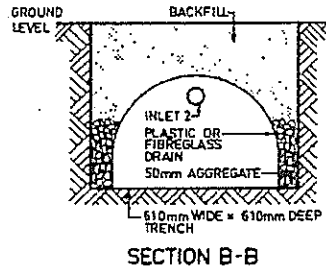
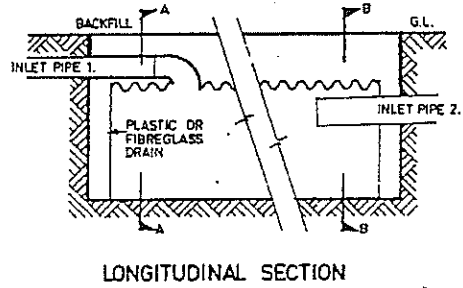
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Form No. 4

EVAPORATION DRAIN



**PLASTIC OR
FIBREGLASS DRAIN.**



[Schedule 7 amended in Gazette 15 December 1989 p.4552;
29 July 1997 p.4084; 5 September 1997 p.5037.]

Schedule 8

[Reg. 49 (3)]

**METHOD OF DETERMINING ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY
OF A SOIL**

1. Dig a hole with dimensions of 300 mm square and vertical sides to the depth of the proposed absorption trench.

2. Carefully scarify the bottom and sides of the hole in order to remove any smeared soil surfaces and to provide a natural soil interface into which the water may percolate. Remove all loose material from the hole. Add 50 mm of blue metal, or screened gravel, to protect the bottom from scouring and sediment.

3. Fill the hole with water and allow it to soak away. Preferably keep the hole filled overnight, possibly by means of an automatic siphon.

4. The following morning, fill or adjust water level to a depth of 150 mm above blue metal or gravel, insert measuring stick (as shown in the diagram at the end of this Schedule) and note time taken for water to fall 25 mm.

The amount of effluent which can be disposed of per square metre of infiltrative area per day is given by the following Table —

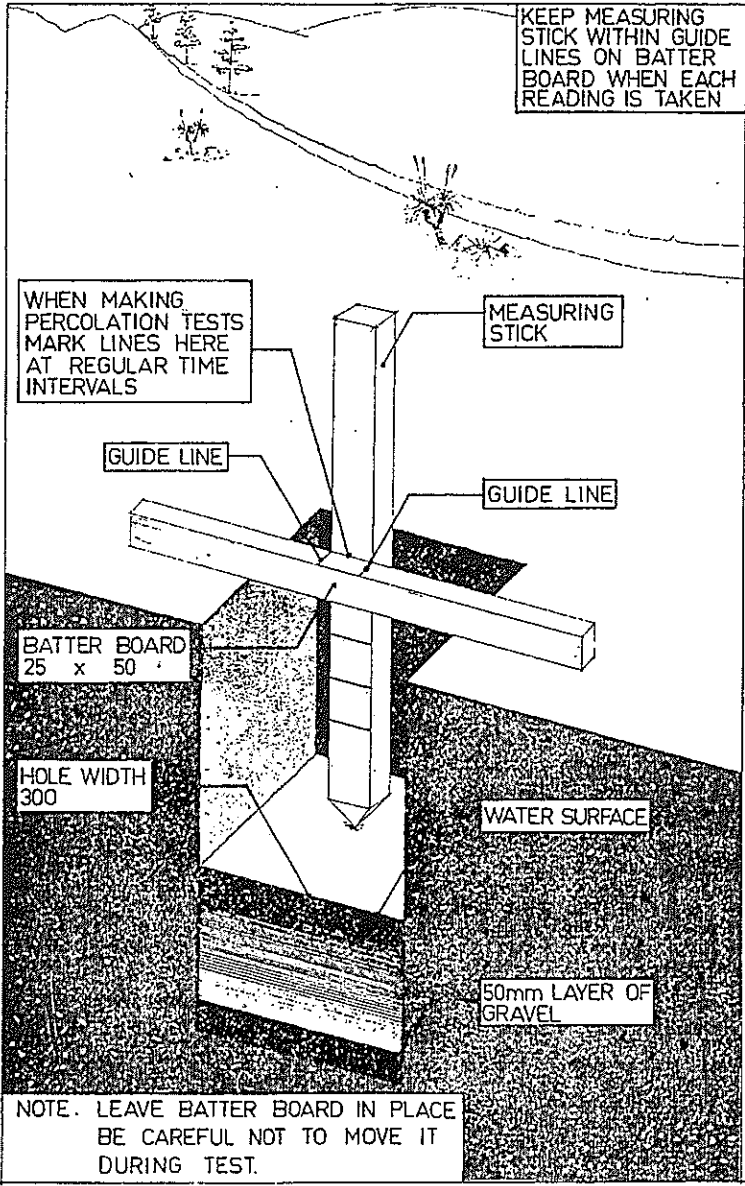
Table

Time for water to fall 25m (minutes)	Soil type	Loading infiltration rate litres per m ² per day	
		Alternating system	Non-alternating system
1 to 5	Sand	30	15
more than 5 to 60	Loams or gravels	20	10
more than 60	Impervious clays, etc	As approved by the Executive Director, Public Health (see clause 5 of this Schedule)	

5. This soil type in its natural state is unsuitable for on site disposal, however the Executive Director, Public Health may approve of a loading infiltration rate in a particular case if satisfied that system design and site modification to justify the loading rate will be carried out.

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Diagram



[Schedule 8 amended in Gazette 29 June 1984 p.1781; 15 December 1989 pp.4552-3.]

Schedule 9

[Reg. 49 (3)]

Wastewater Volume

Table 1 — Residential Premises, Other Than Blocks
of Flats or Units with more than 4 Bedrooms

DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMPTION (litres per day) 90% PER CAPITA WATER CONSUMPTION			
Number of bedrooms of premises	Separate system	Liquid waste system	Combined system
2 or less	188	376	564
3	254	507	761
4 or more	276	553	829

Table 2 — Blocks of Flats or Units with more than 4 Bedrooms

Wastewater volume is to be calculated using the figures specified in respect of the appropriate system in Table 1, in accordance with the following example.

Example:

For an 18 bedroom block of flats, with 2 flats with 3 bedrooms and 6 flats with 2 bedrooms the calculation is as follows —

Wastewater volume for 2 x 3 bedrooms = 2 x (254L + 507L)
Wastewater volume for 6 x 2 bedrooms = 6 x (188L + 376L).

[Schedule 9 inserted in Gazette 15 December 1989 p.4553.]

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NOTES

¹ This reprint is a compilation as at 2 May 1998 of the *Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974* reprinted as at 6 February 1985 and includes amendments effected by the regulations referred to in the following Table.

Table of Regulations

Regulation	Gazettal	Commencement	Miscellaneous
<i>Bacteriolytic Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Regulations</i>	3 September 1974 pp.3303-40		Short title subsequently changed (see note under regulation 1)
(Regulations effecting amendments in the previous reprint are not referred to in this Table)			
<i>Bacteriolytic Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations 1989</i>	15 December 1989 pp.4547-53	15 December 1989	Regulation 32: Transitional
<i>Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations 1992</i>	4 September 1992 pp.4471-6	4 September 1992	Transitional ²
<i>Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations 1993</i>	12 November 1993 p.6143	12 November 1993	
<i>Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1993</i> Correction in Gazette 23 November 1993 p.6308	12 November 1993 p.6145	10 December 1993 (see regulation 2)	
<i>Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations 1994</i>	27 May 1994 p.2211	1 July 1994 (see regulation 2)	
<i>Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations 1995</i>	27 June 1995 p.2553	1 July 1995 (see regulation 2)	

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<i>Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations 1996</i>	28 June 1996 pp.3032-3	1 July 1996 (see regulation 2)	
<i>Treatment of Sewerage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations 1997</i>	1 July 1997 p.3255	1 July 1997 (see regulation 2)	
<i>Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations (No.2) 1997</i>	29 July 1997 pp.4063-84	29 July 1997 (see Regulation 2(b) and Gazette 29 July 1997 p.4065)	Regulation 52: transitional and savings ²
<i>Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Amendment Regulations (No. 3) 1997</i>	5 September 1997 pp.5036-7	5 September 1997	
<i>Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Amendment Regulations 1998</i>	17 March 1998 p.1417	17 March 1998	
<i>Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1998</i>	1 May 1998 p.2273	1 May 1998	

² Regulation 52 of the *Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 1997* reads as follows —

“ 52. (1) In this regulation —

“amended regulations” means the principal regulations as amended by these regulations.

(2) An approval to construct or install an apparatus granted by the Executive Director, Public Health under the principal regulations is to be treated as if it were an approval granted under the amended regulations.

(3) A certificate for the use of an apparatus granted by a local government under the principal regulations is to be treated as a permit for the use of the apparatus granted under regulation 10 (2) of the amended regulations.

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(4) Where —

- (a) an application for approval to construct or install an apparatus has been —
 - (i) made under regulation 4 (1) of the principal regulations; or
 - (ii) submitted to a local government under regulation 4 (1a) of the principal regulations; and
- (b) the application has not been determined before the commencement of these regulations,

the application is to be dealt with under the principal regulations as if these regulations had not come into operation.

(5) Nothing in this regulation limits the operation of the *Interpretation Act 1984*.

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