

Annex C – Technical amendments to enhance PUB’s operations

	Amendment	Reason for change
1	<u>Powers of entry during emergencies</u> for situations where a suspected sewer/drain choke/damage affects upstream or nearby units	Empower PUB to enter premises to resolve emergency situations involving public sewers and drains within premises, such as chokes or structural defects that had developed over time, and the works are necessary for the service or safety of the public
2	<u>Carry out urgent rectification works and recover costs</u> from the responsible third party	Empower PUB to step in to carry out urgent rectification works when there are illegal alterations, works or damage that affects the conveyance of the public sewers and drains, and recover costs from the culprit.
3	<u>Require entities</u> to obtain Compliance Certificates	Ensure that works to sewerage and drainage systems have been completed in accordance with plans approved by PUB.
4	<u>Serve written direction to Qualified Persons</u> for drainage matters	Ensure that qualified persons rectify identified contraventions of requirements imposed by or under the SDA
5	<u>Allow PUB officers</u> to take videos during investigations in addition to photos	Improve effectiveness and efficiency of investigations
6	<u>Protect PUB’s sewers under construction</u> from damage by third parties	Protect newly constructed sewers that have not yet been commissioned from damage
7	<u>Impose defects liability period (DLP)</u> when PUB takes over public drains or sewers, with recourse to take action for failure to assign warranty or rectify defects during DLP	Give PUB legal recourse to enforce DLP