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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO THE BUILDING CONTROL REGULATIONS 2003

Objective

1. This circular notifies the industry of the changes to the Building Control Regulations 2003. These changes, as set out in the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2020, will come into effect on **10 February 2020**.
2. In summary, the changes are as follows:
 - (a) The list of insignificant building works under the First Schedule has been expanded. The details are shown in **Annex A**.
 - (b) The list of building works not requiring certificate of Accredited Checker under the Fourth Schedule has been expanded. The details are shown in **Annex B**.

For Clarification

3. We would appreciate if you could convey the contents of this circular to your members. If you need clarifications, please submit your enquiry through BCA's Online Feedback Form at <https://www.bca.gov.sg/feedbackform/> or call us at 1800 342 5222.
4. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



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ANNEX A
LIST OF AMENDMENTS UNDER THE BUILDING CONTROL
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

Regulation	Existing	Amendment
<p style="text-align: center;">First Schedule</p>	<p>1(g) any canal or drain not exceeding 1,500 millimetres in depth</p>	<p>1(g) any canal or drain, including any associated earth retaining structure, if —</p> <p>(i) the depth of the canal or drain, as measured from the ground to the soffit of the base of the canal or drain, does not exceed 1,500 millimetres; or</p> <p>(ii) the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(A) the depth of the canal or drain, as measured from the ground to the soffit of the base of the canal or drain, exceeds 1,500 millimetres but does not exceed 2,500 millimetres;</p> <p>(B) the distance between each point of the canal or drain and any adjacent building or slope is at least 2 times the depth of the canal or drain as mentioned in sub-paragraph (A);</p>

	<p>1(h) any box culvert with a span not exceeding 5,000 millimetres and a depth not exceeding 1,500 millimetres;</p>	<p>1(h) any box culvert with a span not exceeding 5,000 millimetres, including any associated earth retaining structure, if —</p> <p>(i) the depth of the box culvert, as measured from the ground to the soffit of the base of the box culvert, does not exceed 1,500 millimetres; or</p> <p>(ii) the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(A) the depth of the box culvert, as measured from the ground to the soffit of the base of the box culvert, exceeds 1,500 millimetres but does not exceed 2,500 millimetres;</p> <p>(B) the distance between each point of the box culvert and any adjacent building or slope is at least 2 times the depth of the box culvert as mentioned in sub-paragraph (A);</p>
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ANNEX B

LIST OF AMENDMENTS UNDER THE BUILDING CONTROL (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

Regulation	Existing	Amendment
Fourth Schedule	Building works for or in connection with:- 1(b) detached substations not exceeding 2 storeys, detached bin centres, detached guard houses and the like;	Building works for or in connection with:- 1(b) detached substations not exceeding <u>3 storeys</u> , detached bin centres, detached guard houses and the like;
	1(d) Shophouses not exceeding 2 storeys (where attic or basement floor exceeding an area of 100 square metres shall be considered as a storey);	1(d) Shophouses not exceeding <u>3 storeys</u> (where attic or basement floor exceeding an area of 100 square metres shall be considered as a storey);
	1(k) gantry cranes that are independently supported, where the span between supports does not exceed 6 metres	1(k) foundation and supporting frames for gantry cranes, overhead cranes, jib cranes or monorail hoists that are independently supported if — (i) no span of frame between 2 supports exceeds 15 metres; and (ii) no span of any cantilever supporting frame exceeds 6 metres;
		(New) 1(m) 2-storey buildings if — (i) no span of beam or slab in the building exceeds 15 metres; (ii) no span of any cantilever in the building exceeds 6 metres; and (iii) the building works do not involve pre-stressed or post-tensioned construction.