

ENERGY EFFICIENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
Enforcement Advisory – 21 July 2026

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY (CONTROL OF NON-ESSENTIAL GRID-POWERED
ACTIVITIES) REGULATIONS 2026**

Regulation 4 of the above-named Regulations prohibits the operation of decorative water fountains and aesthetic lighting at non-domestic premises until 1 November 2026. Contravention renders a person liable to a Notice to Comply under Regulation 6.

The Energy Efficiency Management Office hereby advises commercial venue operators hosting private social functions that, during the validity period of the Regulations, it will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not issue a Notice to Comply solely for the operation of decorative water fountains and associated aesthetic lighting, provided the following conditions are strictly observed:

- Winter Periods (May – October): Operation is permitted only between 18:00 and 20:00 on the specific day of the booked private social function.
- Summer Periods: Operation is permitted only between 19:00 and 20:00 on the specific day of the booked private social function.
- Daytime Operation: Operation of these features outside the above time periods remains a contravention of Regulation 4 and will be subject to enforcement action.

This advisory does not constitute a legal exemption or derogation from the Regulations. The EEMO retains the full statutory authority to revoke this enforcement discretion at any time.

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