

## Appendix VII

### **Some examples in which the application for COD reassessment will not be accepted**

- The samples collected did not represent the quality of the wastewater generated from the premises due to normal trade operation by the applicant. For example, the applicant had used water supplied from source not covered by the application such as using saline or tap water supplied from water meter(s) or source(s) other than the one(s) declared. Another example is that part of the trade effluent was discharged via outlet(s) not leading to the sampling point(s).
- The applicant had carried out cleaning of the CGT on the date(s) other than those declared and without made known to DSD. For example, the applicant had purposely carried out undeclared cleaning of the CGT a few days before the scheduled sampling date without notifying DSD.
- The applicant had declared and undertaken the continuous implementation of some particular type(s) of pollution control measures, such as enhanced treatment (e.g. use of treatment chemicals or aeration of the trade effluent before discharge), use of sieves and/or sponges, cleaning the grease trap with a frequency much higher than normal practice (e.g. 4 times per day). However, the applicants failed to implement such pollution control measures after completion of the sampling work and during the validity period of the revised TES rate.
- The applicant, during the sampling period, failed to follow strictly the declared kitchen practices or failed to discharge wastewater via the declared discharge outlets. For example, high strength wastewater/oil waste was purposely stored up and/or discharged via outlet(s) not going to the sampling point(s), or large amount of tap water was purposely discharged to the sampling point(s) to dilute the strength of the trade effluent discharged. In both acts, the COD values of the samples collected would be lowered.
- Samples collected were purposely tampered. For example, water was added to dilute the sample(s) and lower the COD values.
- Falsified samples, which were collected beforehand, were used to represent proper ones.

#### Notes:

The situations shown above are some of the examples only and not meant to be exhaustive. In principle, DSD will not accept any application(s) in which the samples are not representative or if fraud and deceit are uncovered during sampling or in the presentation of documents.