

# **Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) Notification**

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### **COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT (CHAPTER 49, SECTION 24)**

### **COMMON GAMING HOUSES (EXEMPTION) NOTIFICATION**

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## **Citation**

1. This Notification may be cited as the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) Notification.

### **Definition**

2. In this Notification, “lottery” includes any game, method, device, scheme or competition whereby money or money’s worth is distributed or allotted in any manner depending upon or to be determined by chance or lot or mixed chance and skill but does not include any game determined purely by skill, whether the game is held, drawn, exercised or managed within or outside Singapore.

### **Public lotteries conducted by business organisations**

3. Any public lottery conducted by a business organisation for the purposes of promoting the sale of any product or service shall be exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions and the additional conditions set out in paragraph 5 are complied with:

- (a) the methodology of the promotion, the details of the prizes to be distributed, their manner of distribution, and if the winners are determined solely or partly by a draw, the time, date and place of the draw, shall be disclosed in printed publicity material, copies of which shall be freely available to all participants and 2 copies of which shall be sent to the Head, Gambling Suppression Branch, Criminal Investigation Department, by AR registered post at least 4 weeks prior to the launch of the promotion;
- (b) where the total value of prizes exceeds \$10,000, such information shall also be published in a newspaper; and
- (c) the participants shall not be required to pay any money apart from payment for the product or service purchased and any increase in the cost of the product or service marketed shall not be attributable to the cost of conducting the lottery.

### **Conditional exemption for certain organisations**

4.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), any public lottery promoted by an organisation which is —

- (a) a full member or an associate member of the National Council of Social Service established under section 3 of the National Council of Social Service Act (Cap. 195A), other than a charity or an institution of a public character;
- (b) a charity; or
- (c) an institution of a public character,

shall be exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions and the additional conditions set out in paragraph 5 are complied with:

- (i) the price of each lottery ticket, the name and address of the organisation, and the details of the prizes shall be clearly stated on the ticket;
  - (ii) no lottery ticket shall be issued except by way of sale and upon receipt of its price in full;
  - (iii) the name and address of the purchaser of each ticket shall be recorded in the counterfoil to the ticket;
  - (iv) the whole proceeds of the lottery, after deducting sums reasonably appropriated for expenses in the conduct of the lottery which shall not exceed 30% of the proceeds, shall be applied for the purpose of the organisation; and
  - (v) the organisation shall not promote more than one lottery a year.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1)(iv) shall not apply to any lottery that is promoted —
- (a) by a charity during its financial year commencing on or after 1st June 2007 or any of its subsequent financial years; or
  - (b) by an institution of a public character during its financial year commencing on or after 1st July 2006 or any of its subsequent financial years.
- (3) In this paragraph —
- “charity” has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Charities Act (Cap. 37) but does not include any charity which is specified in the Schedule to that Act or is an institution of a public character;
- “institution of a public character” has the same meaning as in section 40A of the Charities Act.

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### **Additional conditions**

- 5.—**(1) For the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4, the additional conditions are —
- (a) the lottery shall be conducted by the organisation and its officers;
  - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c), the draw shall be conducted in public;
  - (c) any draw by means of a computerised system which is not conducted in public shall be witnessed and audited by a public accountant who is not in the employment of the organisation;
  - (d) all winners shall be notified in writing by ordinary post;