

# **Public Entertainments (Exemptions) Order**

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## **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS (EXEMPTIONS) ORDER**

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## **Citation**

- 1.** This Order may be cited as the Public Entertainments (Exemptions) Order.

*[S 813/2018 wef 17/12/2018]*

## Definitions

### 2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“arts entertainment” has the same meaning as in the Schedule to the Act;

*[S 318/2005 wef 27/05/2005]*

“bowling centre” means any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, for the primary purpose of bowling;

*[Deleted by S 350/2011 wef 01/07/2011]*

“children” means persons of 12 years of age or below;

“constituency” means an electoral division under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) and includes a group representation constituency;

“constituency activity”, in relation to a constituency, means any activity organised for the benefit and participation of the residents of the constituency, and for which a licence is required under the Act;

“fun fair” means an amusement fair which is, or may be, established and operated for a continuous period of not more than 31 days in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise;

“golf simulator centre” means any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, for the primary purpose of practising or coaching golf, or carrying out golf club fitting, through the use of any computer-generated simulation;

*[S 571/2021 wef 10/08/2021]*

“group representation constituency” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Parliamentary Elections Act;

“hotel” means any premises registered as a hotel under the Hotels Act (Cap. 127), and “hotel-keeper” has the same meaning as in section 2 of that Act;

*[S 523/2004 wef 01/09/2004]*

“Licensing Officer” means the Public Entertainment Licensing Officer;

*[S 813/2018 wef 17/12/2018]*

*[Deleted by S 493/2009 wef 09/10/2009]*

“martial arts” means akido, bersilat, jiu-jitsu, judo, karate, kendo, kung-fu, taekwon-do or a combination or variation thereof, or any other art of pugilism, fighting, boxing or self-defence;

*[S 523/2004 wef 01/09/2004]*

“massage establishment” means any establishment for massage in respect of which

a licence has been issued under the Massage Establishments Act (Cap. 173) and remains in force;

*[S 523/2004 wef 01/09/2004]*

*[Deleted by S 350/2011 wef 01/07/2011]*

“specified demonstration” means any demonstration of one or more of the art and craft, sports or cultural activities specified in the Schedule;

*[S 523/2004 wef 01/09/2004]*

“temporary fair” means a temporary fair for which a permit has been obtained from the Director-General of Public Health under section 35 of the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95).

*[S 523/2004 wef 01/09/2004]*

## Exemptions

### *Certain performances*

3.—(1) Any event (other than any constituency activity) wholly comprising —

(a) *[Deleted by S 318/2005 wef 27/05/2005]*

(b) *[Deleted by S 318/2005 wef 27/05/2005]*

(c) *[Deleted by S 813/2018 wef 17/12/2018]*

(d) “sing-song” <<歌台>> ,

which is not organised in celebration of the Seventh Month Festival of the Chinese Lunar calendar, in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (i) the event commences not earlier than 11 a.m. and ends not later than 10.30 p.m.;
- (ii) not more than 4 loudspeakers are used during the event;  
*[S 813/2018 wef 17/12/2018]*
- (iii) any loudspeaker used during the event is inclined downwards and positioned to face the audience;
- (iv) any stage, structure, shed or fixture used or to be used for the event is not —
  - (A) installed, erected or constructed; or
  - (B) removed or dismantled,

between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.;

- (v) no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers;
- (vi) no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
- (vii) the performers are not indecently attired;
- (viii) in the case of sub-paragraph (d) —
  - (A) *[Deleted by S 473/2015 wef 06/08/2015]*
  - (B) the performers do not mingle with the audience in any manner during their performance or while dressed in their performance attire;
  - (C) the event shall not be held at the same place for more than 3 consecutive days within a month; and  
*[S 283/2006 wef 01/06/2006]*
  - (D) where the event is held at the same place for more than 3 consecutive days, at least 7 days shall elapse before the event is held or continues at that place;  
*[S 283/2006 wef 01/06/2006]*
- (ix) no member of the audience is invited to the stage or any other performance area during the event;
- (x) the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
- (xi) the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.  
*[S 283/2006 wef 01/06/2006]*

### ***Seventh Month Festival***

(1A) Any public entertainment which is organised in celebration of the Seventh Month Festival of the Chinese Lunar calendar, in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act.

*[S 473/2015 wef 06/08/2015]*

### ***Certain events at hotels or shopping centres***

- (2) Any event (other than any constituency activity) wholly comprising —
  - (a) any performance of music, singing or dancing, or any combination of such

items, by or for children;

*[S 813/2018 wef 17/12/2018]*

- (b) any display or exhibition using real-time transmission of the performance happening elsewhere (whether in or outside Singapore and whether in a public or private place) of any item, or any combination of the items, specified in sub-paragraph (a);

*[S 813/2018 wef 17/12/2018]*

- (c) any magic show;
- (d) the transmission of recorded music by any disc jockey; or
- (e) any organised competition at games of skill,

in a plaza, concourse, atrium or lobby of any hotel or shopping centre, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (i) not more than 2 loudspeakers are used during the event;
- (ii) any loudspeaker used during the event is inclined downwards and positioned to face the audience;
- (iii) no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers or, in the case of sub-paragraph (d), by any disc jockey;
- (iv) no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
- (v) the performers are not indecently attired;
- (vi) *[Deleted by S 813/2018 wef 17/12/2018]*
- (vii) the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
- (viii) the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

### ***Busking***

(3) Busking by any person in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the busking takes place only at a place designated by the National Arts Council and a copy of the letter of endorsement of the busking from the National Arts Council is displayed at a conspicuous area thereat; and