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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 21 March 2018 and assented to by the President on 12 April 2018:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 25 of 2018.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
12 April 2018.

(LS)

An Act to amend the Films Act (Chapter 107 of the 1998 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Films (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title of the Films Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “and exhibition of films”, the words “, and to provide for the classification of films and for the enforcement of those classifications”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the Films Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the definitions of “approved warehouse”, “Authority”, “Board”, “certificate” and “Chairman” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

““advertisement”, for a film, means any of the following where used or apparently used to give publicity to the film or to promote (directly or indirectly) the distribution or public exhibition of the film:

(a) any words, whether written or in an audible message;

(b) any still picture, sign, symbol or other visual image or representation;

(c) any combination of 2 or more of those things in paragraph (a) or (b),

but does not include —

(d) a trailer of any film;

(e) an advertisement about a film in a book, newspaper, periodical or magazine;

(f) a catalogue or price list about films;

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- (g) an advertisement about a film appearing on an item of clothing or apparel;
 - (h) a website advertisement about a film;
 - (i) an advertisement about a film that is broadcast; or
 - (j) any communications of personal opinion made by an individual (for no commercial gain) to the public or a section of the public about any film;

Examples

- (a) A flag, poster, placard, banner, photograph, sketch or signboard about a film.
- (b) An advertisement woven in, impressed on, worked into or annexed to, a container, covering, package, casing, box or other thing in or with which a film is distributed.

“affix”, for a label relating to a film, means any of the following:

- (a) to apply the label to the film;
- (b) to weave in, impress on, work into or annex the label to, a container, wrapping, casing, box or other thing in or with which the film is distributed;
- (c) to apply the label, or to incorporate the label in, an instruction or other like document that accompanies the film;

“Authority” means the Info-communications Media Development Authority established by the Info-communications Media Development Authority Act 2016 (Act 22 of 2016);

“broadcasting service” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Broadcasting Act (Cap. 28);

“business” includes any business in Singapore, whether or not carried on for profit and whether or not its primary function is connected with films;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “distribute” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:

““cinematograph film” means a slide, disc, tape or other article or thing in which visual images are embodied and from which a moving picture may be shown or produced, and includes the aggregate of sounds embodied in a soundtrack (if any) associated with the visual images forming part of the cinematograph film;

“class licence” means a class licence determined under an order made under section 10A(1);

“class licensee” means a person to whom an order under section 10A(1) applies;

“classification certificate” means a classification certificate issued under section 18;

“classification label” means a classification label made available under section 18;

“classification officer”, in relation to any provision of this Act or its subsidiary legislation, means an officer of the Authority who is appointed as a classification officer

under section 4(1)(a) for the purposes of that provision;

“classification rating” means a rating prescribed under section 13;

“classified”, in relation to a film, means —

(a) classified or re-classified by the Authority under section 15 (including deemed classified under section 15(9));

(b) classified by a film content assessor and deemed by section 20(1) to be classified by the Authority;

(c) classified or re-classified under section 26 or 27 by the Committee of Appeal (whether before, on or after the date of commencement of section 11 of the Films (Amendment) Act 2018); or

(d) classified by the Board of Film Censors by specifying the classification for the film in a certificate approving the exhibition of the film under this Act as in force before the date of commencement of section 11 of the Films (Amendment) Act 2018;

“classify”, in relation to a film, means assigning under section 15 a classification rating for the film;

“Committee of Appeal” means the Committee of Appeal established under section 25;

“computer generated image” means an image (including an image in the form of text) produced by use of a computer on a