Commodity Futures (Amendment) Act 2001 (No. 22 of 2001)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 16th May 2001 and assented to by the President on 28th May 2001:—

COMMODITY FUTURES (AMENDMENT) ACT 2001

(No. 22 of 2001)

I assent.

S R NATHAN, President. 28th May 2001.

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Date of Commencement: 27th June 2001

An Act to amend the Commodity Futures Act (Chapter 48A of the 1993 Revised Edition) in order to expand the scope of the Act to deal with commodity futures contracts, commodity forward contracts, trading in differences, leveraged commodity trading and certain forms of spot commodity trading.

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 may be cited as the Commodity Futures (Amendment) Act 2001 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Commodity Futures Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word "futures", the words "and certain types of commodity trading".

Amendment of section 1

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word "Futures" and substituting the word "Trading".

Amendment of section 2

- 4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended
 - (a) by deleting the definition of "commodity" and substituting the following definitions:
 - ""commodity" means any produce, item, goods or article that is the subject of any
 - (a) commodity futures contract;
 - (b) commodity forward contract;
 - (c) leveraged commodity trading;
 - (d) contract made pursuant to trading in differences; or

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(e) spot commodity trading,

and includes indices, rights and interests in such commodity, and other indices, rights or interests of any nature that the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe to be a commodity;

"commodity broker" means a person whether as principal or agent who carries on the business of soliciting, or accepting orders, for the purchase or sale of any commodity by way of or relating to any commodity contract, whether or not the business is part of, or is carried on in conjunction with, any other business, but does not include a commodity futures broker;

"commodity broker's representative" means a person who acts for, or by arrangement with, a commodity broker (other than a person who is a director of a corporation holding a commodity broker's licence or is a person who is in the direct employment of a commodity broker) who performs any of the functions of that commodity broker in connection with trading in commodity forward contracts, or in any leveraged commodity trading, whether his remuneration is by way of commission or otherwise, but does not include a commodity futures broker's representative;

"commodity contract" means —

- (a) a commodity forward contract;
- (b) any contract made pursuant to trading in differences with respect to a commodity; or
- (c) any contract made pursuant to a transaction in leveraged commodity trading;";
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "commodity floor broker", the following definition:
 - ""commodity forward contract" means a contract the effect of which is that one party agrees to deliver a specified commodity, or a specified quantity of a specified commodity, to another party at a specified future time and at a specified price payable at that time, but does not include a commodity futures contract;";
- (c) by deleting the definition of "commodity futures market" and substituting the following definition:
 - ""commodity futures market" means
 - (a) a market, Commodity Futures Exchange or other place, whether in Singapore or elsewhere, at which commodity futures

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contracts are regularly made; or

- (b) an electronic system, whether operating in Singapore or elsewhere, through which trading in commodity futures contracts is carried out, but excludes an electronic facility which merely provides price or other information relating to commodity futures contracts (whether that facility is part of or carried on in conjunction with the provision of any other information not related to commodity futures contracts) and which does not permit users of the facility to channel orders for, execute transactions markets in. or make commodity futures contracts;";
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "commodity futures trading adviser's representative", the following definitions:
 - " "commodity market" means
 - (a) a market, whether in Singapore or elsewhere, at which commodity contracts are regularly made; or
 - (b) an electronic system, whether operating in Singapore or elsewhere, through which trading in commodity contracts is carried out, but excludes an electronic facility which merely provides price or other information relating to commodity contracts (whether that facility is part of or carried on in conjunction with the provision of any other information not related to commodity contracts) and which does not permit users of the facility to channel orders for, execute transactions in, or make markets in, commodity contracts,

but does not include a Commodity Futures Exchange or a commodity futures market;

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"commodity pool operator" means any person who carries on a business in the nature of a unit trust or other interest to which Division 6 of Part IV of the Companies Act (Cap. 50)