

Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Act 1999
(No. 13 of 1999)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 26th February 1999 and assented to by the President on 8th March 1999:—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1999

(No. 13 of 1999)

I assent.

ONG TENG CHEONG.

President.

8th March 1999.

Date of Commencement: 1st April 1999

An Act to amend the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 137 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

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 Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Act 1999 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Infectious Diseases Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of "Health Officer", the following definition:

“ “HIV Infection” means Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection;”.

New section 10A

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 10, the following section:

“Offence for supplying false or misleading information

10A.—(1) Any person who —

- (a) donates any blood or blood product at any blood bank or hospital in Singapore for any use or purpose; and
- (b) directly in connection with such donation of blood or blood product, supplies any material information which he knows to be false or misleading,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "material information" means any information directly relating to the likelihood of transmission of an infectious disease by the use of any blood or blood product.”.

Amendment of section 20A

4. Section 20A(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "as having been infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus" in the 3rd and 4th lines and substituting the words "HIV Infection".

Amendment of section 20B

5. Section 20B of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words "that he has been infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus" in the 2nd and 3rd lines of subsection (1) and substituting the words "HIV Infection";
- (b) by deleting the words "from him or of being infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus" in subsection (1)(a) and substituting the words "or HIV Infection from him";
- (c) by deleting the words "has been infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus" in the 3rd and 4th lines of subsection (5) and substituting the words "HIV Infection"; and
- (d) by deleting the words "Human Immunodeficiency Virus" in the 6th and 7th lines of subsection (5) and substituting the words "HIV Infection".

Amendment of section 20C

6. Section 20C of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words "that he has been infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus" in the 2nd and 3rd lines of subsection (1) and