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COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) Bill

Bill No. 12/2021 [Urgent Bill].

Read the first time on 10 May 2021.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020.

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 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 is amended by deleting the words “and 8C” in paragraph (d) of the definition of “Minister” and substituting the words “, 8C and 10A”.

New Part 10A

3. The COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 is amended by inserting, immediately after section 79, the following Part:

“PART 10A

RELIEFS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AFFECTED BY INCREASE IN FOREIGN MANPOWER SALARY COSTS

Division 1 — General

Interpretation of this Part

79A. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —

“assignee”, in relation to a person, includes a successor in title of that person;

“construction works”, in relation to a construction contract, means the construction works (within the meaning given by section 3(1) of SOPA) to be carried out under the construction contract;

“contract sum” means the total sum payable for the construction works to which the construction contract relates, as at the time the construction contract was entered into, and includes such sum as adjusted by a determination under section 79G or a subsequent determination under section 79H;

“foreign manpower salary costs” means the remuneration (including bonuses, allowances and overtime payments)

payable to individuals who are neither citizens nor permanent residents of Singapore and who hold a work permit, but excludes such matters as may be prescribed by regulations made under section 79K;

“Part 10A assessor” means a person appointed to the panel of Part 10A assessors under section 79E; 5

“Part 10A Registrar” means the Part 10A Registrar appointed under section 79D(1), and includes any Part 10A Deputy Registrar exercising the functions of the Part 10A Registrar; 10

“SOPA” means the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (Cap. 30B);

“work permit” means a work pass known as a work permit issued under the Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) Regulations 2012 (G.N. No. S 569/2012), and includes a training work permit issued under those Regulations. 15

Application of this Part

79B.—(1) This Part applies to a case where —

(a) parties entered into a construction contract (including one to which the Government is a party) before 1 October 2020, but not if the construction contract was renewed (other than automatically) on or after that date; and 20

(b) as at 10 May 2021, any construction works to be performed under the construction contract have not been certified in accordance with the construction contract as completed. 25

(2) The reference to a construction contract in subsection (1) excludes — 30

(a) any construction contract for the carrying out of construction works at or on any residential property (within the meaning of the Residential Property Act (Cap. 274)) that do not require the approval of the