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Read the first time on 23rd November 1999.

An Act to amend the Factories Act (Chapter 104 of the 1998 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 Factories (Amendment) Act 1999 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 6

2. Section 6(2) of the Factories Act is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (r) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(r) any premises in which mechanical power is used in connection with the sorting, packing, handling or storing of articles which is carried out by way of trade or for purposes of gain or incidentally to another business so carried on;”;

(b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (s);

(c) by deleting the word “liquified” in paragraph (t) and substituting the word “liquefied”; and

- (d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (t) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(u) any land delineated as railway area in the plans and maps prepared under section 3(1) or (2) of the Rapid Transit Systems Act (Cap. 263A) on which any inspection, testing, repair or maintenance of any railway as defined in section 2 of that Act is carried out.”.

Amendment of section 7

3. Section 7 of the Factories Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “used” in the 9th line of the definition of “machinery” in subsection (1), the word “solely”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(5) For the purposes of this Act, any reference to the health of a person shall, where that person is pregnant, include the health of any unborn child which that person is carrying.”.

Amendment of section 9

4. Section 9 of the Factories Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “2 months” in the 3rd line of subsection (2) and substituting the words “one month”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Chief Inspector may by rules modify the requirements under that subsection in respect of any” in the 1st and 2nd lines of subsection (3) and substituting the words “Subsections (1) and (2) shall not apply to”.

New section 24A

5. The Factories Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 24, the following section:

“Lock-out procedures

24A.—(1) Lock-out procedures shall be established and implemented for the inspection, cleaning, repair or maintenance of any plant, machinery or equipment that, if inadvertently activated or energised, is liable to cause bodily injury to any person.

(2) Every person carrying out any work described in subsection (1) shall be fully instructed on the lock-out procedures for that work before commencing that work.

(3) For the purposes of this section, “lock-out procedures” means a set of procedures —

- (a) to ensure that all energy sources to the relevant plant, machinery or equipment will be isolated, disconnected or discharged; and
- (b) to prevent any part of the plant, machinery or equipment from being inadvertently activated or energised.”.

New section 27A

6. The Factories Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 27, the following section:

“Safety training courses

27A.—(1) The occupier of a factory shall ensure that every person employed in the factory who is of a class or description specified under subsection (2) attends such safety training courses as the Chief Inspector may specify under that subsection in respect of such persons.

(2) The Chief Inspector may, by order published in the *Gazette*, specify the classes or description of persons to which this section applies and the safety training courses that he considers necessary for such persons.”.

Amendment of section 28

7. Section 28 of the Factories Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “process, being a machine or process” in the 2nd line of subsection (1) and substituting the words “process or work, being a machine, process or work”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “process” in subsection (1)(a) and in the 5th and in the 6th lines of subsection (2), the words “or work”; and
- (c) by deleting the words “or process” in subsection (1)(b) and in the 2nd and in the 3rd lines of subsection (2) and substituting in each case the words “, process or work”.

Amendment of section 33