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Read the first time on 12th October 1993.

An Act to amend the Immigration Act (Chapter 133 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 Immigration (Amendment) Act 1993 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 Immigration Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definitions of “authorised airport”, “authorised landing place”, “authorised point of entry”, “authorised departing place” and “authorised point of departure” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “authorised airport”, “authorised landing place”, “authorised train checkpoint”, “authorised point of entry”, “authorised departing place” and “authorised point of departure” mean, respectively, an airport, a landing place, a train checkpoint, a point of entry, a departing place or a point of departure declared as such under section 5;”;

- (b) by deleting the definition of “crew” and substituting the following definition:

“ “crew” includes every seaman on a vessel, and every person employed in the operation of an aircraft or a train or in any service rendered to the crew or passengers of an aircraft in flight or a train in motion;”;

- (c) by deleting paragraph (c) of the definition of “entry” and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) in the case of a person entering by land and proceeding to an immigration control under section 26 or an authorised train checkpoint under section 25A, leaving the precincts of such post or authorised train checkpoint for any purpose other than that of departing from Singapore by an approved route; and”;

- (d) by deleting the definition of “master” and substituting the following definition:

“ “master” —

- (a) in relation to a vessel, means any person (except a pilot or harbour master) having for the time being control or charge thereof;
- (b) in relation to an aircraft, means the captain thereof; and

- (c) in relation to a train, means the driver of the train or any person having for the time being control or charge thereof;” and
- (e) by deleting the words “vessel or aircraft” wherever they appear in the definitions of “passenger”, “stowaway” and “through passenger” and substituting in each case the words “vessel, aircraft or train”.

Amendment of section 5

3. Section 5 of the Immigration Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “airports” in the third line of subsection (1), the words “, train checkpoints”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “authorised airports” in the sixth line of subsection (1), the words “, authorised train checkpoints”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word “airport” in the last line of subsection (1), the words “, train checkpoint”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the word “departure” in the fourth line of subsection (2), the words “, authorised train checkpoints”; and
- (e) by deleting the words “or place of departure” at the end of subsection (2) and substituting the words “, train checkpoint or departing place”.

Amendment of section 8

4. Section 8(3) of the Immigration Act is amended by deleting the words “deemed by the Minister to be reliable,” in paragraph (k).

Amendment of section 10

5. Section 10 of the Immigration Act is amended by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsections:

“(3) The Controller may, in issuing an entry permit under subsection (2), impose any condition as he thinks fit and may at any time vary any condition subject to which the entry permit is issued or impose any additional condition thereto.

(4) Before varying any condition or imposing any additional condition on an entry permit, the Controller shall notify the holder of the entry permit of his intention to do so and shall give the holder an opportunity to be heard as to why the condition of his entry permit should not be varied or the additional condition

should not be imposed.

(5) Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Controller under this section may, within 30 days of being notified of the decision of the Controller, appeal by petition in writing to the Minister whose decision shall be final.”.

Amendment of section 14

6. Section 14(2) of the Immigration Act is amended by deleting the words “or 26” in the fourth line and substituting the words “, 25A or 26”.

New section 18A

7. The Immigration Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 18, the following section:

“Train arriving in or leaving Singapore

18A.—(1) The master of every train which arrives in or leaves Singapore shall stop his train at, or drive his train away from, an authorised train checkpoint.

(2) The master of any train who, without reasonable cause, contravenes or fails to comply with subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.”.

Amendment of section 22

8. Section 22 of the Immigration Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “master” in the first lines of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the words “, owner, agent or charterer”;
- (b) by deleting the words “, whenever required to do so by an immigration officer” in subsection (1);
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word “shall” in subsection (3), the word “each”;
- (d) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection:

“(4) If any person whose presence has not been reported under subsection (1)(f) is found on board a vessel, the master, owner, agent and charterer of the vessel shall each be guilty of an offence and shall each be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not exceeding \$10,000 in respect of each such person.”; and
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the word “masters” in the marginal note, the word “, etc.,”.