

Factories (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Factories Act, 1973 (No. 6 of 1973).

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 1983 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 7

2. Section 7(1) of the Factories Act, 1973 (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “driving belt”, the following definitions:

““electrical equipment” means any machine, appliance, apparatus or lighting fitting which consumes or utilises electricity in its operation or use and includes any cable, wire and other device necessary to enable it to be connected

to a source of electricity supply;

“electrical installation” means any cable, wire, fitting, accessory, apparatus or other device used for or for purposes incidental to the conveyance, control or use of electricity;”;

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

“ “lifting machine” includes a crane, crab, winch, teagle, runway, transporter, piling frame and any suspended scaffold capable of being raised or lowered by climbers or winches;” and

- (c) by deleting the definition of “pressure vessel” and substituting the following definition:

“ “pressure vessel” means any container or vessel used for containing any substance under pressure and includes any steam boiler, steam receiver, steam container, cast-iron underfired vulcaniser, air receiver, refrigerating plant pressure receiver and gas cylinder;”.

Amendment of section 20

3. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection:

“(2) All practicable measures shall be taken to protect any person against the risks of electric shock arising from or in connection with the use of any electrical installation or equipment.”.

Amendment of section 33

4. Section 33 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “access to” in the second line of subsection (3), the words “and egress from”; and
- (b) by deleting subsections (7) and (7A) and substituting the following subsections:

“(7) Where any person has to work at a place from which he would be liable to fall a distance of more than 3 metres or into any

substance which is likely to cause drowning or asphyxiation, secure foothold and handhold shall be provided so far as practicable at the place for ensuring his safety.

(7A) Where it is not practicable to provide secure foothold and handhold as required under subsection (7), other suitable means such as a safety belt and fencing shall be provided for ensuring the safety of every person working at such places.

(7B) Where a safety belt is provided pursuant to subsection (7A), there shall be sufficient and secured anchorage, by means of life line or otherwise for the safety belt, and such anchorage shall not be lower than the level of the working position of the person wearing the safety belt.

(7C) No person shall require, permit or direct any person to work at a place from which he would be liable to fall a distance of more than 3 metres or into any substance which is likely to cause drowning or asphyxiation unless the requirements of subsection (7) or (7A) have been complied with.”.

Amendment of section 35

5. Section 35 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (7), the following subsection:

“(8) In this section “tank” includes any pipe and valve thereof and all its fittings and attachments.”.

Amendment of section 36

6. Section 36 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (8), the following subsection:

“(8A) The Chief Inspector may, if he thinks fit, by certificate in writing authorise, subject to any conditions specified in the certificate, a period exceeding 12 months within which the examination under subsection (8) is to be made.”.

Amendment of section 37

7. Section 37 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(4A) The Chief Inspector may, if he thinks fit, by certificate in writing authorise, subject to any conditions specified in the certificate, a period exceeding