

Factories (Amendment) Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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Bill No. 9/1978

Read the first time on 17th February 1978.

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, 1978, 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 of the Factories Act, 1973 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “or vessels” appearing in the second line of paragraph (a) of subsection (2) thereof; and
- (b) by deleting the word “or” appearing at the end of paragraph (a) of subsection (5) thereof and substituting therefor the word “and”.

Amendment of section 7

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “accident” appearing in subsection (1) thereof;
- (b) by deleting the word “means” appearing in the first line of the definition of “lifting appliance” appearing in subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the word “includes”;
- (c) by deleting the word “means” appearing in the first line of the definition of “lifting gear” appearing in subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the word “includes”;
- (d) by deleting the word “means” appearing in the first line of the definition of “lifting machine” appearing in subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the word “includes”;
- (e) by inserting immediately after the definition of “sanitary conveniences” appearing in subsection (1) thereof the following new definition: —

“ “ship” includes every description of vessel used in navigation, a floating rig, a barge or any platform used in any form of operations at sea;” and

- (f) by inserting immediately after the word “ventilating” appearing in the fourth line of subsection (3) thereof the expression “, cooling, airconditioning”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 14

4. Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Ventilation

14.—(1) Effective and suitable provision shall be made for securing and maintaining by the circulation of fresh air in each workplace, adequate ventilation of the workplace and for rendering harmless, so far as practicable, all such fumes, dust and other impurities generated in the course of any process or work carried out in the factory as may be injurious to health.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any workplace where it is impracticable to make provision for adequate ventilation and where breathing apparatus is used by persons working in the workplace.”.

Amendment of section 22

5. Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(1) Every dangerous part of any machinery, other than prime movers and transmission machinery, shall be securely fenced unless it is in such a position or of such construction as to be safe to every person employed or working on the premises as it would be if securely fenced.”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply where the dangerous part of any machinery is made safe for persons employed or working on the premises by other equally effective means.”; and

- (c) by renumbering the existing subsection (2) thereof as subsection (3).

Amendment of section 23

6. Subsection (1) of section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the word “shipping” appearing in the twelfth line of paragraph (b) thereof and substituting therefor the word “shifting”.

Amendment of section 24

7. Section 24 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1);
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(2) The machinery and plant shall be properly maintained in order to prevent any breakdown which is likely to cause death or bodily injury to any person.”; and
- (c) by deleting the words “of fencing” appearing in the marginal note thereto.

Amendment of section 28

8. Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1); and
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(2) For the purpose of instructing any person employed at any such machine or process on the safety measures to be observed in respect of the safe operation of any such machine or process an employer shall cause to be displayed on such machine or at a place nearest to the process a notice written in languages understood by the persons employed at such machine or in any such process describing those safety measures.”.

Amendment of section 29

9. Section 29 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(1) No hoist or lift shall be used unless —
 - (a) it is of good mechanical construction, sound material and adequate strength, and is properly