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FIRE SAFETY ACT (CHAPTER 109A)

FIRE SAFETY (BUILDING AND PIPELINE FIRE SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Fire Safety (Building and Pipeline Fire Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 14 September 2020.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Fire Safety (Building and Pipeline Fire Safety) Regulations (Rg 1) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “area of refuge” and substituting the following definition:

““area of refuge” means an area within a building designed for evacuees from the building or an adjoining building to take refuge in the event of a fire emergency;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “smoke control system” and substituting the following definitions:

““pressurisation system” means a mechanical ventilation system that introduces positive differential pressure to a space or room to prevent smoke ingress in a fire emergency;

“smoke control system” means an engineered smoke control system, a smoke purging system, a smoke vent or a ductless jet fan system, described in Chapter 7 of the Fire Code;”; and

- (c) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “smoke detector” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““smoke-free lobby” means a lobby area located at any entrance to an exit staircase, that is designed to prevent or minimise the entry of smoke into the staircase.”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “as set out in the Second Schedule” in paragraph (c) and substituting the words “set out on the website at <https://www.scdf.gov.sg>”;
- (b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (d); and
- (c) by deleting paragraph (e) and substituting the following paragraphs:
- “(e) where the plans of fire safety works involve the use of any building materials or equipment not specified in the Fire Code — a description of the nature and type of all the building materials or equipment to be used in the fire safety works;
- (f) other documentary evidence in support of any documents in paragraphs (a) to (e), and such other documents as the Commissioner may require to decide the application.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4(4) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “to existing buildings as set out in the First Schedule” and substituting the words “as set out in the Schedule to any building or part of a building in respect of which a temporary fire permit or a fire safety certificate is issued (whether before, on or after 14 September 2020)”.

Amendment of regulation 7

4. Regulation 7(2) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “fire pumps,” in sub-paragraph (c)(vi);
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (ix) of sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(ix) the types, extent of provision and locations of existing or proposed regulated fire safety products;”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “hydraulic hosereels,” in sub-paragraph (c)(x).

Amendment of regulation 13

5. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (a).

Amendment of regulation 17

6. Regulation 17(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(c) other documentary evidence in support of the application and such other documents as the Commissioner may require to decide the application.”.

Amendment of regulation 25

7. Regulation 25 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) An application for the issue of a fire certificate under paragraph (1) must be made —

(a) where a certificate of statutory completion or a temporary occupation permit is issued in respect of the building before the building is designated to be subject to section 20 of the Act — within 12 months after the building is so designated; or

(b) where a certificate of statutory completion or a temporary occupation permit is issued in respect of the building after the building is designated to be subject to section 20 of the Act — within 12 months after the date on which the certificate of statutory completion or temporary occupation permit is issued, whichever is earlier.”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraphs:

“(4) For the purpose of paragraph (1A), the date that a building is designated to be subject to section 20 of the Act is —

(a) where the building was designated under the revoked Fire Safety (Fire Certificate) (Designated Buildings) Order 2016 (G.N. No. S 97/2016) and is designated under the Fire Safety (Fire Certificate — Designated Buildings) Notification 2020 (G.N. No. S 766/2020) — the date that the building was designated under the revoked Fire Safety (Fire Certificate) (Designated Buildings) Order 2016; and

(b) where the building is only designated under the Fire Safety (Fire Certificate — Designated Buildings) Notification 2020 — the date that the building is so designated.

(5) In this regulation, “certificate of statutory completion” and “temporary occupation permit” have the meanings given by section 2(1) of the Building Control Act (Cap. 29).”.

Amendment of regulation 26

8. Regulation 26 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “12 months” and substituting the words “3 years”.

Deletion of regulation 29

9. Regulation 29 of the principal Regulations is deleted.

Amendment of regulation 32

10. Regulation 32 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Subject to paragraphs (1C) and (2), the fee payable for an application for approval of plans of fire safety works which relate to the installation of fire safety measures under Part IV of the Act is —

(a) where the plans contain any prescribed fire safety measure (whether or not required under the Fire Code or by the Commissioner under section 20A or 23(2)(c) of the Act) — \$160 for every 100 square metres (or part of 100 square metres) of floor area; and

(b) in any other case — \$100 for every 100 square metres (or part of 100 square metres) of floor area.”;