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**MONEYLENDERS ACT
(CHAPTER 188)**

**MONEYLENDERS
(AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2019**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Moneylenders Act, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Rules are the Moneylenders (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2019 and, except for rule 5, come into operation on 16 July 2019.

(2) Rule 5 comes into operation on 15 August 2019.

Deletion and substitution of heading to Part III

2. Part III of the Moneylenders Rules 2009 (G.N. No. S 72/2009) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the Part heading and substituting the following Part heading:

“UNSECURED LOANS”.

Amendment of rule 21

3. Rule 21(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting “\$1,500” and substituting “\$500”.

New rule 21B

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 21A, the following rule:

“Prohibition of foreign sureties for unsecured loans

21B.—(1) A licensee must not grant an unsecured loan for which a person who is not a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident is or is proposed to be a surety.

(2) A licensee who grants an unsecured loan in contravention of paragraph (1) —

- (a) knowing that a surety for that loan is not a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident; or
- (b) recklessly or negligently failing to ascertain whether a surety for that loan is a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000.”.

New rule 21C

5. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 21B, the following rule:

“Restrictions on unsecured loans to foreign borrowers

21C.—(1) A licensee must not grant any applicable unsecured loan to a foreign borrower if, at the time the licensee intends to grant that loan —

- (a) the licensee has granted applicable unsecured loans to 300 or more foreign borrowers which are outstanding; or
- (b) the aggregate of the outstanding loan amounts of all foreign borrowers of the licensee is \$150,000 or more.

(2) A licensee must not grant applicable unsecured loans to more than —

- (a) 15 foreign borrowers in one month; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (3), 50 foreign borrowers in an applicable year.

(3) A licensee who has granted applicable unsecured loans to more than —

- (a) 50 foreign borrowers in an applicable year must not grant any further applicable unsecured loan to any of those foreign borrowers in that applicable year; or