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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT (CHAPTER 218)

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (OVERSEAS VOTING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 39A and 102 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, the Prime Minister makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Parliamentary Elections (Overseas Voting) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 and come into operation on 1 April 2019.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Parliamentary Elections (Overseas Voting) Regulations 2006 (G.N. No. S 234/2006) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting the definition of "counting place for overseas votes" and substituting the following definition:

""counting place for overseas votes" means —

- (a) in the case where section 49A(2) of the Act applies, the place specified by the Returning Officer under section 49A(2A)(b)(ii) of the Act;
- (b) in the case where section 56DA(2) of the Act applies, the place specified by the Returning Officer under section 56DA(5)(b)(iii) of the Act;
- (c) in the case where section 56DB(2) of the Act applies, the place specified by the Returning

Officer under section 56DB(5)(b)(ii) of the Act; or

(d) in any other case, the place or places directed by the Returning Officer under section 48A(2) of the Act;".

Amendment of regulation 9

3. Regulation 9(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (*a*), the following sub-paragraphs:

- "(*aa*) comply with section 40A of the Act;
 - (*ab*) clearly demarcate the area within which a voter must mark his vote for a candidate or a group of candidates;".

Amendment of regulation 11

4. Regulation 11 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

"(1) Before the poll opens at an overseas polling station in an election, the presiding officer appointed under regulation 5 for the overseas polling station must cause a notice giving directions for the guidance of voters in voting to be displayed on or at a conspicuous place outside the overseas polling station."

Amendment of regulation 12

5. Regulation 12 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:

"(1) Before the poll opens at an overseas polling station in an election, the presiding officer appointed under regulation 5 for the overseas polling station must cause a notice about the poll to be displayed on or at a conspicuous place outside the overseas polling station.

(1A) The notice mentioned in paragraph (1) must contain the following information for each candidate at the election:

(a) the name of the candidate in the official languages;

- (b) the symbol allotted to the candidate, or the group of candidates comprising the candidate, under section 34 or 34A of the Act, as the case may be;
- (c) the name of the political party (if any) for which the candidate is standing at the election, in the official languages;
- (d) where the photograph of the candidate is included on the ballot papers for the election under section 40A(1) of the Act, that photograph;
- (e) where the photograph of the candidate is not included on the ballot papers for the election (by reason of non-compliance with section 40A(1) of the Act), a note that there is no photograph for the candidate.

(1B) The names of the candidates at the election must be arranged on the notice in the same order as they are arranged on the ballot papers for the election under regulation 9(2)(a)."

Amendment of regulation 22

- 6. Regulation 22 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (*a*) by deleting the words "all or any of the declarations" in paragraph (2) and substituting the words "the declaration"; and
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

"(4) Section 44(4) of the Act applies to a declaration made under paragraph (2) subject to the modification that the reference to a declaration in that section is a reference to a declaration required under that paragraph.".

Amendment of regulation 24

- 7. Regulation 24 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph: