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EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN MANPOWER ACT (CHAPTER 91A)

EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN MANPOWER (WORK PASS EXEMPTIONS — SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES) (AMENDMENT) NOTIFICATION 2017

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act, the Minister for Manpower makes the following Notification:

Citation and commencement

1. This Notification is the Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Pass Exemptions — Specified Activities) (Amendment) Notification 2017 and comes into operation on 1 November 2017.

New paragraphs 2A and 2B

2. The Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Pass Exemptions — Specified Activities) Notification (N 4) is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph 2, the following paragraphs:

"Exemption for International Judge of Supreme Court

- **2A.**—(1) This paragraph applies to any foreigner who
 - (a) is appointed under Article 95(4)(c) of the Constitution as an International Judge of the Supreme Court;
 - (b) before entering Singapore, is engaged as a self-employed foreigner by the Government to perform any specified activity in Singapore for the purpose of gain; and
 - (c) after arriving in Singapore, but before starting to perform the specified activity, notifies the Controller, in such form and manner as the Controller may

- require, of the nature and duration of the specified activity.
- (2) The foreigner is exempted from the requirement in section 10(1) of the Act to have a valid work pass to be engaged in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(b).
- (3) The exemption in sub-paragraph (2) applies to the foreigner only for the first 90 days in a year, or such longer period as the Controller may allow in a particular case, that the foreigner is engaged in accordance with sub-paragraph (1)(b).
- (4) In this paragraph, "specified activity" means any of the following activities:
 - (a) sitting in the Singapore International Commercial Court to hear and determine a specific case, or such classes of cases as the Chief Justice may specify;
 - (b) sitting in the Court of Appeal in an appeal from any judgment or order of the Singapore International Commercial Court;
 - (c) any other work or activity (including, but not limited to, any consultancy, advisory or promotional work or activity) arising from, relating to or connected with
 - (i) the foreigner's appointment as an International Judge of the Supreme Court;
 - (ii) the foreigner's association with the Singapore International Commercial Court; or
 - (iii) any activity mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b).

Exemption for foreign representation in Singapore International Commercial Court

- **2B.**—(1) This paragraph applies to any foreigner who
 - (a) is a foreign lawyer who is registered under section 36P of the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161);