

Immigration (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2007

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IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT NO. 5) REGULATIONS 2007

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 55(1) of the Immigration Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2007 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2007.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Immigration Regulations (Rg 1) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Form”, the following definitions:

““group Singapore visa” means a Singapore visa granted to and in respect of 3 or more non-citizens for those non-citizens to travel to and enter Singapore as a group within a specified period;

“holder”, in relation to a Singapore visa, means the non-citizen to whom it was granted or a person included in it;”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 3 and new regulations 3A to 3E

3. Regulation 3 of the Immigration Regulations is deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

“Application for Singapore visa

3.—(1) Every application for a Singapore visa shall —

- (a) be made in such form as the Controller may approve (to be completed in accordance with any directions on it) by or on behalf of the person who will be the holder of the Singapore visa if the application is granted (referred to in this regulation and regulation 3D as the applicant);
- (b) be made in such manner as the Controller may approve, which may include the use of such electronic application service on what is commonly known as the Internet as the Controller may provide for this purpose;
- (c) be accompanied by —
 - (i) one photograph of the applicant, which shall be taken not

more than 3 months before the date of the application and shall comply with the specifications set out in the Second Schedule;

- (ii) such other personal identifiers as the Controller may require;
- (iii) photostat copies of the applicant's foreign passport or foreign travel document, which must be valid for not less than 6 months after the applicant's expected date of arrival in Singapore;
- (iv) where required by directions in the application form, a letter of introduction from a public authority or public officer, or an employer or a business associate or a prospective employer or business associate of the applicant, where applicable, resident or conducting business in Singapore; and
- (v) such other documents and information as the Controller may require in any particular case; and

(d) be accompanied by the relevant fee specified in the Interpretation (Singapore Visa — Fees) Order 2007 (G.N. No. S 652/2007).

(2) In addition to the requirements specified in paragraph (1), the Controller may require an applicant for a Singapore visa to provide his finger impression and submit to all steps as may reasonably be required for the taking of a finger impression.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the Controller from requiring an applicant for a Singapore visa to furnish such other particulars, information and documents as the Controller may specify in any particular case.

Grant of Singapore visa

3A.—(1) Before granting a Singapore visa for or in respect of any non-citizen, the Controller must be satisfied of the identity of the non-citizen.

(2) Every Singapore visa shall be granted by the Controller for and on behalf of the Government and may be granted —

- (a) to a non-citizen for that non-citizen to travel to and enter Singapore

within a specified period; or

- (b) to and in respect of 3 or more specified non-citizens for those non-citizens to travel to and enter Singapore as a group within a specified period (referred to in these Regulations as a group Singapore visa).

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), evidence of a Singapore visa that has been granted to a non-citizen may be given by —

- (a) a label that is affixed to the non-citizen's passport by the Controller;
- (b) an imprint or endorsement that is stamped in the non-citizen's passport by the Controller; or
- (c) a document that is given to the non-citizen by the Controller.

(4) Where —

- (a) the name of a child or person is included in the passport or other document of identity of a parent of the child or of a spouse or other relative of the person, as the case may be; and
- (b) the child or person accompanies that parent, spouse or relative (as the case may be) to Singapore,

the child or person shall be taken to be included in any Singapore visa granted to the parent, spouse or relative (as the case may be) if, and only if —

- (i) the child's or person's name is included in any imprint or endorsement on the passport or other document of identity of that parent, spouse or relative;
- (ii) a separate label is affixed to that passport or document of identity evidencing the grant of a Singapore visa in respect of the child or person; or
- (iii) a separate document evidencing the grant of a Singapore visa in respect of the child or person is given to that parent, spouse or relative by the Controller.

(5) If a group Singapore visa is granted to and in respect of 3 or more non-citizens for those non-citizens to travel to and enter Singapore as a group within a specified period —

- (a) these Regulations shall apply as if each of them were the holder of the Singapore visa, subject to sub-paragraph (b); and