

Public Entertainments and Meetings (Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 2004

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PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 257)

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS (EXEMPTIONS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2004

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 of the Public Entertainments and Meetings Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2004.

Amendment of paragraph 2

2. Paragraph 2 of the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Exemptions) Order (O 1) (referred to in this Order as the principal Order) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “group representation constituency”, the following definitions:

““hotel” means any premises registered as a hotel under the Hotels Act (Cap. 127), and “hotel-keeper” has the same meaning as in section 2 of that Act;

“indoor public talk” means any lecture, talk, address, debate or discussion —

- (a) which is held in any enclosed place; and
- (b) which is not within the hearing or view of any person who is not attending or participating in the lecture, talk, address, debate or discussion (as the case may be);

“martial arts” means akido, bersilat, jiu-jitsu, judo, karate, kendo, kung-fu, taekwon-do or a combination or variation thereof, or any other art of pugilism, fighting, boxing or self-defence;

“massage establishment” means any establishment for massage in respect of which a licence has been issued under the Massage Establishments Act (Cap. 173) and remains in force;”; and

- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “registered professional engineer” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

““specified demonstration” means any demonstration of one or more of the art and craft, sports or cultural activities specified in the Schedule;

“temporary fair” means a temporary fair for which a permit has been obtained from the Director-General of Public Health under section 35 of the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95).”.

Amendment of paragraph 3

3. Paragraph 3 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) by inserting, at the end of sub-paragraph (5)(b), the word “and”;
- (b) by deleting the word “; and” at the end of sub-paragraph (5)(c) and substituting a full-stop;

- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (d) of sub-paragraph (5);
- (d) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (9), the following sub-paragraphs:

“Indoor public talk

“(9A) Any indoor public talk held in any place to which the public or any class of public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the organiser of the indoor public talk is a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) only citizens of Singapore are invited to be lecturers or speakers at the talk;
- (c) the lecturers or speakers do not deal with any matter —
 - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
 - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore; and
- (d) the lecturers or speakers speak only in any of the 4 official languages in Singapore, or any related dialect.

Pin-tables

(9B) Pin-tables installed in —

- (a) any bowling centre;
- (b) any massage establishment; or
- (c) any bar, billiard saloon, cabaret, café, discotheque, lounge, nightclub, pub or restaurant that is licensed under the Act,

are exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (i) not more than 5 pin-tables are installed at those premises;