Public Entertainments and Meetings (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2004

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PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS ACT (CHAPTER 257)

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS (SPEAKERS' CORNER) (EXEMPTION) (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 (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2004.

Amendment of paragraph 3

2. The Public Entertainments and Meetings (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) Order (O 3) (referred to in this Order as the principal Order) is amended by renumbering

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paragraph 3 as sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

- "(2) A performance or an exhibition at the Speakers' Corner organised by any person who is a citizen of Singapore is exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions are complied with:
 - (a) there are only citizens of Singapore participating in the performance or exhibition;
 - (b) the organiser and participants have been registered at the designated place in accordance with paragraph 4;
 - (c) the organiser, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at all times during the performance or exhibition, as the case may be;
 - (d) the performance or exhibition takes place
 - (i) only on the date that is registered by the organiser under paragraph 4; and
 - (ii) only between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.;
 - (e) the performance or exhibition does not deal with any matter
 - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally;
 - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore; or
 - (iii) which carries violent, lewd or obscene messages;
 - (f) no sound amplification device is used during the performance or exhibition;
 - (g) no placards or banners are carried by persons participating in the performance or exhibition; and
 - (h) the performance or exhibition is not an assembly or a procession for which a permit is required under rule 4 of the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) (Assemblies and Processions) Rules (Cap. 184, R 1).".

Deletion and substitution of paragraph 4

3. Paragraph 4 of the principal Order is deleted and the following paragraph