

Fire Safety (Building Fire Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1998

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FIRE SAFETY ACT

(CHAPTER 109A)

FIRE SAFETY (BUILDING FIRE SAFETY) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1998

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Safety (Building Fire Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1998 and shall come into operation on 7th September 1998.

Amendment of regulation 3

2. Regulation 3 of the Fire Safety (Building Fire Safety) Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by deleting the word "and" at the end of paragraph (d), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(e) a declaration form as set out in the Second Schedule; and”;

(b) by re-lettering the existing paragraph (e) as paragraph (f).

Amendment of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) be submitted —

(i) on standard metric size sheets of the international A series (one set shall be on linen) and have on every sheet an outlined rectangular space measuring 150mm x 100mm provided at its top right hand corner for official stamps and endorsement; or

(ii) in such electronic form stored in such medium as the Commissioner may determine; and”;

(b) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) Where the plans of fire safety works are submitted in electronic form, the qualified person shall —

- (a) authenticate the plans in electronic form in such manner as the Commissioner may require; and
- (b) ensure that such plans are visible or are capable of being displayed in a clear and intelligible manner on a suitably light background.”; and

(c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraphs:

“(4) This regulation shall not apply to the plans of fire safety works which relate to minor alterations or additions to existing buildings as set out in the First Schedule.

(5) The plans referred to in paragraph (4) shall be —

- (a) certified by a qualified person appointed in respect of such fire safety works;
- (b) lodged with the Commissioner;
- (c) in such form as the Commissioner considers necessary; and
- (d) accompanied by such other documents as the Commissioner may require.”.

Amendment of regulation 15

4. Regulation 15 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (2).

Amendment of regulation 16

5. Regulation 16 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words "where the Commissioner has determined under regulation 4(2) that no qualified person was required to prepare the plans of fire safety works" in the third, fourth and fifth lines of paragraph (1) and substituting the words "for any fire safety works referred to in regulation 4(4)".

Deletion and substitution of regulation 20

6. Regulation 20 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Application for change of use

20.—(1) No person shall carry out any change of use of any premises unless an application for approval is made to the Commissioner under section 23 of the Act and such approval is obtained.

(2) An application for approval referred to in paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by plans of fire safety works prepared for the purpose of the application.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply to an application for approval of temporary change of use for the purpose of stage shows, promotional activities, exhibitions, trade fairs or carnivals.

(4) An application for approval of such temporary change of use as referred to in paragraph (3) shall be made in such form as the Commissioner may determine and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fees and the following documents:

- (a) site plan;
- (b) floor plan showing or containing the proposed or existing use of every part;
- (c) layout plan showing or containing —
 - (i) the purpose of the intended usage;
 - (ii) clear statements indicating the details of the proposed activities; and
 - (iii) the design and material of any temporary structure to be erected for the activities; and
- (d) such other information as the Commissioner may require.”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 27

7. Regulation 27 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Application for approval of building materials and equipment

27.—(1) An application to the Commissioner for approval of building materials or equipment to be used in any fire safety works shall be made in such form as the Commissioner may determine and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fees and such other documents or information as the Commissioner may require.

(2) This regulation shall not apply if the building materials or equipment to be

used in any fire safety works are currently listed under the Product Listing Scheme in the Singapore Directory of Productivity Standards Board Certified Products.”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 30

8. Regulation 30 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Fees for approval of plans

30.—(1) The fee payable for an application for approval of plans of fire safety works which involves the installation of fire safety measures under Part IV of the Act shall be \$150 for every 100 square metres of floor area or part thereof.

(2) The fee payable for an application for approval of plans of fire safety works which involves —

(a) fire protection works; or

(b) minor works,

under Part IV of the Act shall be \$75 for each storey of a building.”.

Amendment of regulation 31

9. Regulation 31 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting "\$100" in the third line and substituting "\$75".

Amendment of regulation 32

10. Regulation 32 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting "\$100" in the third line of paragraph (1) and substituting "\$75"; and

(b) by deleting "\$200" in the third line of paragraph (2) and substituting "\$150".

New regulations 32A and 32B

11. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 32, the following regulations:

“Fee for lodgment of plan involving minor alterations or additions to existing buildings