

# **Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) Notification 1996**

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## **COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT (CHAPTER 49)**

### **COMMON GAMING HOUSES (EXEMPTION) NOTIFICATION 1996**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Common Gaming Houses Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Notification:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. This Notification may be cited as the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) Notification 1996 and shall come into operation on 30th September 1996.

## **Definition**

2. In this Notification, “lottery” includes any game, method, device, scheme or competition whereby money or money’s worth is distributed or allotted in any manner depending upon or to be determined by chance or lot or mixed chance and skill but does not include any game determined purely by skill, whether the game is held, drawn, exercised or managed within or outside Singapore.

## **Public lotteries conducted by business organisations**

3. Any public lottery conducted by a business organisation for the purposes of promoting the sale of any product or service shall be exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions and the additional conditions set out in paragraph 5 are complied with:

- (a) the methodology of the promotion, the details of the prizes to be distributed, their manner of distribution, and if the winners are determined solely or partly by a draw, the time, date and place of the draw, shall be disclosed in printed publicity material, copies of which shall be freely available to all participants and 2 copies of which shall be sent to the Head, Gambling Suppression Branch, Criminal Investigation Department, by AR registered post at least 4 weeks prior to the launch of the promotion;
- (b) where the total value of prizes exceeds \$10,000, such information shall also be published in a newspaper; and
- (c) the participants shall not be required to pay any money apart from payment for the product or service purchased and any increase in the cost of the product or service marketed shall not be attributable to the cost of conducting the lottery.

## **Conditional exemption for certain organisations**

4. Any lottery promoted by an organisation which is a full member or an associate member of the National Council of Social Service or is conferred the status of an institution of public character under the Income Tax Act [Cap. 134] shall be exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions and the additional conditions set out in paragraph 5 are complied with:

- (a) the price of the lottery ticket, the name and address of the organisation responsible for conducting the lucky draw, and the details of the prizes shall be clearly stated on the tickets;