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COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT (CHAPTER 49)

COMMON GAMING HOUSES (EXEMPTION) (NO. 75) NOTIFICATION 2014

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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

1. This Notification may be cited as the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) (No. 75) Notification 2014.

Definition

- 2. In this Notification, "organisers" means
 - (a) the Marine Parade Active Ageing Committee;
 - (b) the Marine Parade Senior Citizens' Executive Committee; and
 - (c) the Marine Drive View Residents' Committee.

Exemption

3.—(1) The Minister hereby exempts the organisers from the provisions of the Act in respect of —

- (a) the "Mahjong Competition @ Joo Chiat CC Senior Citizens' Mind Game Exchange" promotion to be held from 7 November 2014 to 15 November 2014 (both dates inclusive); and
- (b) the mahjong games to be held at the multi-purpose hall of Joo Chiat Community Club as part of that promotion from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 15 November 2014.
- (2) The exemption is subject to compliance by the organisers with the conditions specified in the Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 3

CONDITIONS

- 1. The only game played must be mahjong.
- 2. All players must be at least 55 years of age and residing in
 - (a) the Joo Chiat Constituency; or
 - (b) such area within the Marine Parade Group Representation Constituency as is designated by the organisers to be the Marine Parade district.
- 3. All spectators and staff must be at least 21 years of age.
- 4. Prize sponsors must not be involved in any business related to gambling.
- 5. Advertising for the mahjong competition must be confined to posters displayed within the Marine Parade district.
- 6. The organisers may charge an entrance fee of \$12 for PAssion Card members and \$15 for non-PAssion Card members to cover the cost of hosting the mahjong competition, less the value of the prizes.
- 7. Token prizes can be allowed in recognition of the skills shown by the winners.
- 8. The organisers must ensure that the rules of the game are explained clearly to all players before the start of the event.
- 9. The organisers must deploy umpires on site to referee the event and resolve any disputes.
- 10. The mahjong activities must be held indoors at the multi-purpose hall of Joo Chiat Community Club.

THE SCHEDULE — continued

- 11. The multi-purpose hall of Joo Chiat Community Club must have adequate sound-proofing to minimise noise pollution.
- 12. The organisers must open up the premises for spot-checks by the police during the event.
- 13. The organisers must take all reasonable steps to ensure that there are no private deals or side-betting throughout the event.

Made on 4 November 2014.

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