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Whereas action has been taken by a substantial body of persons to cause a substantial number of citizens to fear organised violence against persons and property:

And Whereas action has been taken and threatened by a substantial body of persons which is prejudicial to the security of Malaya:

And Whereas Parliament considers it necessary to stop or prevent that action:

Now therefore pursuant to Article 149 of the Constitution be it enacted by the Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of the Dewan Negara and Dewan Ra'ayat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

## PART 1

### PRELIMINARY

#### **Short title**

1. This Act is the Internal Security Act 1960.

#### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“advisory board” means an advisory board constituted as mentioned in Article 151(2) of the Constitution;

“ammunition” means ammunition for any firearm as hereafter defined and includes grenades, bombs and other like missiles whether capable of use with such a firearm or not and any ammunition containing or designed or adapted to contain any noxious liquid, gas or other thing;

“Commissioner of Police” includes the Deputy Commissioner of Police and any gazetted police officer for the time being lawfully authorised to exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred or imposed upon the Commissioner of Police by this Act;

“controlled area” means any area declared to be a controlled area under section 50;

“danger area” means any area declared to be a danger area under section 49;

“document” includes any substance on which is recorded any matter, whether by letters, figures, marks, pictorial or other representation, or by more than one of these means;

“entertainment” means any game, sport, diversion, concert or amusement of any kind to which the public has or is intended to have access and in which members of the public may or may not take part, whether on payment or otherwise;

“exhibition” includes every display of goods, books, pictures, films or articles to which the public has or is intended to have access, whether on payment or otherwise;

“explosive” —

- (a) means gunpowder, nitroglycerine, dynamite gun-cotton, blasting powder, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, coloured fires and every other substance, whether similar to those abovementioned or not, used or manufactured with a view to producing a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect;
- (b) includes fog-signals, fireworks, fuses, rockets, percussion caps, detonators, cartridges, ammunition of all descriptions and every adaptation or preparation of an explosive as above defined;
- (c) includes any substance declared to be deemed an explosive by notification in the *Gazette* under section 5 of the Arms and Explosives Act [Cap. 13]; and
- (d) includes any material for making any explosive and any apparatus, machine, implement or material used or intended to be used or adapted for causing or aiding in causing any explosion in or with any

explosive, and any part of any such apparatus, machine or implement;

“firearm” means any lethal barrelled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged or which can be adapted for the discharge of any such shot, bullet or other missile and any weapon of whatever description designed or adapted for the discharge of any noxious liquid, gas or other thing, and includes any component part of any such weapon as aforesaid;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for internal security;

“offence under this Act” includes an offence under any regulations made under section 72;

“officer in charge of a division” means any police officer appointed as such and, when any officer so appointed is unable through absence, illness or otherwise to perform his duties, means the police officer designated, under the authority of the Commissioner of Police, to act for him;

“periodical publication” includes every publication issued periodically or in parts or numbers at intervals, whether regular or irregular;

“police officer” includes an auxiliary police officer and a special police officer appointed in accordance with any written law for the time being in force;

“promoter”, in the case of an entertainment or exhibition promoted by a society, includes the secretary and officials of such society and, in the case of a society organised or having its headquarters outside Singapore, the officials in Singapore of such society;

“proprietor” includes the owner, tenant or other person in possession or control of premises and any person who receives payment for the use of premises;

“protected place” means any place or premises in relation to which an order made under section 51 is in force;

“publication” includes all written, pictorial or printed matter, and everything of a nature similar to written or printed matter, whether or not containing any visible representation, or by its form, shape or in any other manner capable of suggesting words or ideas, and every copy, translation and reproduction or substantial translation or reproduction in part or in whole thereof;

“public place” includes any highway, public street, public road, public park or garden, any sea beach, waterway, public bridge, lane, footway, square, court, alley or passage, whether a thoroughfare or not, any unalienated land, any rubber estate, any plantation, any land alienated for agricultural or mining purposes, any theatre or place of public entertainment of any kind or other place of general resort admission to which is obtained by payment or to which the public has access, and any open space to which for the time being the public has or is permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise;

“public road” means any public highway or any road over which the public has a right of way or is granted access, and includes every road, street, bridge, passage, footway or square over which the public has a right of way or is granted access;

“security area” means any area in respect of which a proclamation under section 48 is for the time being in force;

“security forces” includes the Singapore Police Force, the Special Constabulary, the auxiliary police force, the Singapore Armed Forces, any local forces established under any written law in force in Singapore, and any force which is a visiting force for the purposes of Part 1 of the Visiting Forces Act 1960 and in respect of whom all or any of the powers exercisable by the Singapore Armed Forces or their members under this Act have been made exercisable by an order made under any such law;

“supplies” includes ammunition, explosives, firearms, money, food, drink, clothing, medicines, drugs or any other stores, instruments, commodities, articles or things whatsoever;

“terrorist” means any person who —

- (a) by the use of any firearm, explosive or ammunition acts in a manner prejudicial to the public safety or to the maintenance of public order or incites to violence or counsels disobedience to the law or to any lawful order;
- (b) carries or has in his possession or under his control any firearm, ammunition or explosive without lawful authority; or
- (c) demands, collects or receives any supplies for the use of any person who intends or is about to act, or has recently acted, in a manner prejudicial to public safety or the maintenance of public order.

## PART 2

### GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTERNAL SECURITY

#### *Chapter 1 — Prohibition of organisations and associations of a political or quasi-military character and uniforms, etc.*

#### **Prohibition of uniforms of political or quasi-military organisations**

3. The Minister may from time to time by order prohibit the wearing in public places or at meetings or gatherings to which the public or any section of the public has access, of —

- (a) any uniform or dress which signifies association with any political organisation or with the promotion of any political object; or
- (b) any uniform, dress or emblem by members or adherents of any organisation or association specified or described in the order, whether incorporated or not when, in the opinion of the Minister, members of that organisation or association are organised or trained or equipped for the purpose of enabling them to be employed —

- (i) in usurping the functions of the police or of the Singapore Armed Forces; or
- (ii) for the use or display of physical force in promoting any political or other object or in such a manner as to arouse reasonable apprehension that they are organised or trained or equipped for that purpose.

### **Penalty**

4. Every person who wears any prohibited uniform, dress or emblem in contravention of an order made under section 3 shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

### **Prohibition of quasi-military organisations**

5.—(1) If the members or adherents of any association of persons, whether incorporated or not, are —

- (a) organised or trained or equipped for the purpose of enabling them to be employed in usurping the functions of the police or of the Singapore Armed Forces; or
- (b) organised or trained or equipped either for the purpose of enabling them to be employed for the use or display of physical force in promoting any political or other object, or in such a manner as to arouse reasonable apprehension that they are organised or trained or equipped for that purpose,

then any member or adherent of such association shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both; and any person who promotes or conspires with another to promote, or who takes part in the control or management of, the association, or in so organising or training as aforesaid any member or adherent thereof, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both:

Provided that in any proceedings against any person charged with the offence of taking part in the control or management of such an association as aforesaid it shall be a defence to that charge to prove that he neither consented to nor connived at the organisation, training or equipment of any member or adherent of the association in contravention of this section.

(2) No prosecution for any offence under this section shall be instituted except with the consent of the Public Prosecutor.

(3) If upon application being made by or on behalf of the Public Prosecutor it appears to the General Division of the High Court that any association is an association of which members or adherents are organised, trained or equipped in contravention of this section, the General Division of the High Court may —

- (a) make such order as appears necessary to prevent any disposition without the permission of the General Division of the High Court of property held by or for the association;  
*[Act 25 of 2021 wef 01/04/2022]*
- (b) direct an inquiry and report to be made as to any such property as aforesaid and as to the affairs of the association;
- (c) make such further order as appears to the General Division of the High Court to be just and equitable for the application of such property in or towards the discharge of the liabilities of the association lawfully incurred before the date of the application or, with the approval of the General Division of the High Court, since that date in or towards the repayment of moneys to persons who became subscribers or contributors to the association in good faith and without knowledge of any such contravention as aforesaid, and in or towards any costs incurred in connection with any such inquiry and report as aforesaid or in winding up or dissolving the association; and

(d) order that any property which is not directed by the General Division of the High Court to be so applied as aforesaid shall be forfeited to the Government.

[40/2019]

(4) In any criminal or civil proceedings under this section proof of things done or of words written, spoken or published (whether or not in the presence of any party to the proceedings) by any person taking part in the control or management of an association or in organising, training or equipping members or adherents of an association shall be admissible as evidence of the purposes for which, or the manner in which, members or adherents of the association were organised or trained or equipped.

(5) If a Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police is satisfied by information that there is reasonable ground for suspecting that an offence under this section has been committed, and that evidence of the commission thereof is to be found at any premises or place specified in the information, he may, on an application made by a police officer not below the rank of sergeant, grant a search warrant authorising any such officer with or without assistance to enter the premises or place at any time within one month from the date of the warrant, if necessary by force, and to search the premises or place and every person found therein, and to seize anything found on the premises or place or on any such person which the officer has reasonable ground for suspecting to be evidence of the commission of such an offence as aforesaid.

(6) No woman shall, in pursuance of any warrant issued under subsection (5), be searched except by a woman.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the employment of a reasonable number of persons as stewards at any public meeting held upon private premises with the permission of the owner of those premises, or the making of arrangements for that purpose or the instruction of the persons to be so employed in their lawful duties as such stewards, or their being furnished with badges or other distinguishing signs.

**Illegal drilling**

**6.—(1)** Any person other than a member of the Singapore Armed Forces or the police or of a volunteer force or local force constituted under any written law in force in Singapore, or of any other force which is a visiting force for the purposes of Part 1 of the Visiting Forces Act 1960 or of any organisation or association specially exempted by the Minister, who —

- (a) is present at or attends any meeting or assembly of persons for the purpose of training or drilling themselves in the use of arms or of being so trained or drilled, or for the purpose of practising military exercises, movements or evolutions; or
- (b) is present at or attends any such meeting or assembly for the purpose of training or drilling any other person or persons in the use of arms or the practice of military exercises, movements or evolutions,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

**(2)** Any person, other than a member of the Singapore Armed Forces or the police or of a volunteer force or local force constituted under any written law in force in Singapore, or of any other force lawfully present in Singapore under any law for the time being in force relating to visiting forces or of any organisation or association specially exempted by the Minister, who —

- (a) trains or drills any other person in the use of arms or the practice of military exercises, movements or evolutions; or
- (b) takes part in the control or management of any association or organisation whose members are trained or drilled in the practice of military exercises, movements or evolutions,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

**Prohibition of uniforms, emblems, etc.**

7.—(1) The Minister may, if he considers it in the national interest to do so, by order prohibit the manufacture, sale, use, wearing, display or possession of any flag, banner, badge, emblem, device, uniform or distinctive dress or any part thereof.

(2) Any person contravening any provision of an order made under this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Part.

(3) Any article in respect of which an offence has been committed under this section may be seized and destroyed or otherwise dealt with as the Minister may direct, whether or not the identity of the offender is known and whether or not any prosecution has been commenced in respect of the offence.

*Chapter 2 — Powers of preventive detention***Power to order detention**

8.—(1) If the President is satisfied with respect to any person that, with a view to preventing that person from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of Singapore or any part thereof or to the maintenance of public order or essential services therein, it is necessary to do so, the Minister shall make an order —

- (a) directing that such person be detained for any period not exceeding 2 years; or
- (b) for all or any of the following purposes:
  - (i) for imposing upon that person such restrictions as may be specified in the order in respect of his activities and the places of his residence and employment;
  - (ii) for prohibiting him from being out of doors between such hours as may be specified in the order, except under the authority of a written permit granted by such authority or person as may be so specified;
  - (iii) for requiring him to notify his movements in such manner at such times and to such authority or person as may be specified in the order;

- (iv) for prohibiting him from addressing public meetings or from holding office in, or taking part in the activities of or acting as adviser to any organisation or association, or from taking part in any political activities;
- (v) for prohibiting him from travelling beyond the limits of Singapore or any part thereof specified in the order except in accordance with permission given to him by such authority or person as may be specified in such order,

and any order made under paragraph (b) shall be for such period, not exceeding 2 years, as may be specified therein, and may by such order be required to be supported by a bond.

(2) The President may direct that the period of any order made under subsection (1) be extended for a further period or periods not exceeding 2 years at a time.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), “essential services” means any service, business, trade, undertaking, manufacture or calling included in the Third Schedule.

(4) Every person detained in pursuance of an order made under subsection (1)(a) or of a direction given under subsection (2) shall be detained in such place as the Minister may direct (hereinafter referred to as a place of detention) and in accordance with instructions issued by the Minister and any rules made under subsection (5).

(5) The Minister may by rules provide for the maintenance and management of any place of detention and for the discipline of persons detained therein.

### **Interpretation**

**8A.** In this Part, “judicial review” includes proceedings instituted by way of —

- (a) an application for a Mandatory Order, a Prohibiting Order or a Quashing Order;
- (b) an application for a declaration or an injunction;

- (c) an Order for Review of Detention; and
- (d) any other suit or action relating to or arising out of any decision made or act done in pursuance of any power conferred upon the President or the Minister by any provision of this Act.

[2/1989; 42/2005]

### **Law applicable to judicial review**

**8B.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), the law governing the judicial review of any decision made or act done in pursuance of any power conferred upon the President or the Minister by the provisions of this Act shall be the same as was applicable and declared in Singapore on 13 July 1971; and no part of the law before, on or after that date of any other country in the Commonwealth relating to judicial review shall apply.

[2/1989]

(2) There shall be no judicial review in any court of any act done or decision made by the President or the Minister under the provisions of this Act save in regard to any question relating to compliance with any procedural requirement of this Act governing such act or decision.

[2/1989]

### **No appeals to Privy Council**

**8C.** [*Repealed by Act 2 of 1994*]

### **Commencement provision**

**8D.** Sections 8A and 8B shall apply to any proceedings instituted by way of judicial review of any decision made or act done under the provisions of this Act, whether such proceedings have been instituted before or after 30 January 1989.

[2/1989; 2/1994]

### **Duty to inform person detained of grounds of detention, etc.**

**9.** Whenever any person is detained under any order made under section 8(1)(a) he shall, in accordance with Article 151 of the Constitution, as soon as possible —

- (a) be informed of the grounds of his detention;
- (b) subject to clause (3) of that Article (which provides that no authority may be required to disclose facts whose disclosure would in its opinion be against the national interest) be informed of the allegations of fact on which the order is based; and
- (c) be given the opportunity of making representations against the order as soon as possible.

### **Detention order may be suspended**

**10.** At any time after an order has been made in respect of any person under section 8(1)(a) the Minister may direct that the operation of such order be suspended subject to the execution of a bond and to such conditions —

- (a) imposing upon that person such restrictions as may be specified in the direction in respect of his activities and the places of his residence and employment;
- (b) prohibiting him from being out of doors between such hours as may be so specified, except under the authority of a written permit granted by such authority or person as may be so specified;
- (c) requiring him to notify his movements in such manner, at such times and to such authority or person as may be so specified;
- (d) prohibiting him from travelling beyond the limits of Singapore or any part thereof specified in the direction except in accordance with permission given to him by such authority or person as may be so specified;
- (e) prohibiting him from addressing public meetings or from holding office in, or taking part in the activities of or acting as adviser to any organisation or association, or from taking part in any political activities;
- (f) permitting him to return to the country to which he belongs or to any other place to which he wishes to proceed

provided that the government of such place consents to receive him,

as the Minister sees fit; and the Minister may revoke any such direction if he is satisfied that the person against whom the order was made has failed to observe any condition so imposed or that it is necessary in the public interest that such direction should be revoked.

### **Representations against detention order**

**11.**—(1) A copy of every order made by the Minister under section 8(1)(a) shall as soon as possible after the making thereof be served on the person to whom it relates, and every such person shall be entitled to make representations against the order to an advisory board.

(2) For the purpose of enabling a person to make representations under subsection (1) he shall, within 14 days of the service on him of the order —

- (a) be informed of his right to make representations to an advisory board under subsection (1); and
- (b) be furnished by the Minister with a statement in writing —
  - (i) of the grounds on which the order is made;
  - (ii) of the allegations of fact on which the order is based; and
  - (iii) of such other particulars, if any, as he may in the opinion of the Minister reasonably require in order to make his representations against the order to the advisory board.

(3) The President may make rules as to the manner in which representations may be made under this section and for regulating the procedure of advisory boards.

### **Report of advisory board**

**12.**—(1) Whenever any person has made any representations under section 11(1) to an advisory board, the advisory board shall, within 3 months of the date on which such person was detained, consider

such representations and make recommendations thereon to the President.

(2) Upon considering the recommendations of the advisory board under this section the President may give the Minister such directions, if any, as he thinks fit regarding the order made by the Minister; and every decision of the President thereon shall, subject to section 13, be final and shall not be called in question in any court.

### **Review**

**13.**—(1) Every order or direction made or given by the Minister under section 8 or 10 (including any order extended by direction of the President under section 8(2)) shall, so long as it remains in force, be reviewed by an advisory board at intervals of not more than 12 months, and the first of such reviews shall take place —

- (a) in the case of a person who is detained in a place of detention, not more than 12 months from the date on which his representations against the order were considered by an advisory board under section 12(1) or, where no such representations have been made, not more than 15 months from the date on which that person was detained in pursuance of the order;
- (b) in the case of a person who is not detained in a place of detention, where the order has been made under section 8(1), not more than 12 months from the date on which the order was served upon that person;
- (c) in the case of a person who has been released from a place of detention in pursuance of a direction under section 10, not more than 12 months from the date of his release.

(2) The advisory board shall on completing every review under subsection (1) forthwith submit to the Minister a written report of every such review, and may make therein such recommendations as it thinks fit.

### **Presidential concurrence**

**13A.** Where any advisory board recommends the release of any person under section 12 or 13, the person shall not be detained or

further detained without the President's concurrence under Article 151(4) of the Constitution.

[11/1991]

### **Power to summon witnesses**

**14.** Every advisory board shall, for the purposes of this Act, but subject to section 16, have all the powers of a court for the summoning and examination of witnesses, the administration of oaths or affirmations, and for compelling the production of documents.

### **Member of advisory board deemed to be public servant**

**15.** Every member of an advisory board shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Penal Code 1871, and shall have in case of any action or suit brought against him for any act done or omitted to be done in the execution of his duty under the provisions of this Chapter the like protection and privileges as are by law given to a Judge in the execution of his office.

### **Disclosure of information**

**16.** Nothing in this Chapter or in any rules made thereunder shall require the Minister or any member of an advisory board or any public servant to disclose facts or to produce documents whose disclosure or production he considers to be against the national interest.

### **Power to order removal**

**17.—(1)** The Minister may by order direct the removal from any place of detention to another place of detention to be specified in such order of any person detained in pursuance of the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) Any person in course of removal under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be in lawful custody.

### **Power to order production of detained person**

**18.—(1)** On proof to his satisfaction that the presence at any place of any person detained under the provisions of this Chapter, or

lawfully in the custody of the police or confined in any prison whether in pursuance of the provisions of this Chapter or under an order of any court or otherwise howsoever, and notwithstanding any order of any court or other authority whatsoever, is required in the interests of justice, or for the purpose of any public or other inquiry, or in the national interest, or in the interests of the person detained, in custody or confined, the Minister may order that such person be taken to that place.

(2) Any person in course of being taken to any place in pursuance of subsection (1) and while at such place shall be kept in such custody as the Minister may direct and while in that custody shall be deemed to be in lawful custody.

### **Saving in respect of prosecution of persons detained**

**19.** The detention of any person under this Chapter shall be without prejudice to the taking of any criminal proceedings against such person, whether during or after the period of his detention.

### *Chapter 3 — Special powers relating to subversive publications, etc.*

### **Prohibition of printing, sale, etc., of documents and publications**

**20.—**(1) Where it appears to the Minister charged with the responsibility for printing presses and publications that any document or publication —

- (a) contains any incitement to violence;
- (b) counsels disobedience to the law or to any lawful order;
- (c) is calculated or likely to lead to a breach of the peace, or to promote feelings of hostility between different races or classes of the population; or
- (d) is prejudicial to the national interest, public order or security of Singapore,

he may by order published in the *Gazette* prohibit either absolutely or subject to such conditions as may be prescribed therein the printing,

publication, sale, issue, circulation or possession of such document or publication.

(2) An order under subsection (1) may, if the order so provides, be extended so as —

- (a) in the case of a periodical publication, to prohibit the publication, sale, issue, circulation, possession or importation of any past or future issue thereof;
- (b) in the case of a publication which has or appears or purports to have issued from a specified publishing house, agency or other source, to prohibit the publication, sale, issue, circulation or importation of any other publication which may at any time whether before or after the date of the order have or appear or purport to have issued from such specified publishing house, agency or other source.

### **Objections against orders under section 20**

**21.** The proprietor or agent in Singapore of the proprietor of any publication which is the subject of an order made under section 20 may, within one month of the date of publication of the order in the *Gazette*, make an objection against the order to the President, whose decision shall be final and shall not be called in question in any court.

### **Printing, publishing, etc., in contravention of order under section 20**

**22.** Any person who prints, publishes, sells, issues, circulates or reproduces a document or publication which is the subject of an order under section 20, or any extract therefrom, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both:

Provided that no person shall be convicted of an offence under this section if he proves to the satisfaction of the court that the document or publication in respect of which he is charged was printed, published, sold, issued, circulated or reproduced, as the case may be, without his authority, consent and knowledge, and without any want

of due care or caution on his part, and that he did not know and had no reason to suspect the nature of the document or publication.

### **Possession of documents, etc., in contravention of order under section 20**

**23.**—(1) Any person who without lawful excuse has in his possession any document or publication the possession of which is prohibited by an order under section 20, or any extract therefrom, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable in respect of a first offence under this section to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both and, in respect of a subsequent offence to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

(2) In any proceedings against any person for an offence under this section such person shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have known the contents and the nature of the contents of any document or publication immediately after the document or publication came into his possession.

### **Importation in contravention of order under section 20**

**24.** Any person who imports or attempts to import or abets the importation of any document or publication or without lawful excuse has in his possession any document or publication imported in contravention of an order under section 20 shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable in respect of a first offence under this section to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both and, in respect of a subsequent offence to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years.

### **Posting of placards, etc.**

**25.** Any person who posts or distributes any placard, circular or other document containing any incitement to violence, or counselling disobedience to the law or to any lawful order, or likely to lead to any breach of the peace, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part.

**Dissemination of false reports**

**26.** Any person who, by word of mouth or in writing or in any newspaper, periodical, book, circular or other printed publication or by any other means spreads false reports or makes false statements likely to cause public alarm, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part.

**Possession of subversive documents**

**27.—(1)** Any person who without lawful excuse carries or has in his possession or under his control any subversive document shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

(2) Any person or any office bearer of any association or any responsible member or agent of any organisation who receives any subversive document shall deliver the same without delay to a police officer; and any person, office bearer, member or agent who fails to do so, or who, unless authorised to do so by a police officer not below the rank of superintendent of police, communicates to any other person, or publishes or causes to be published the contents of any such document, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

(3) In this section, “subversive document” means any document having in part or in whole a tendency —

- (a) to excite organised violence against persons or property in Singapore;
- (b) to support, propagate or advocate any act prejudicial to the security of Singapore or the maintenance or restoration of public order therein or inciting to violence therein or counselling disobedience to the law thereof or to any lawful order therein; or
- (c) to invite, request or demand support for or on account of any collection, subscription, contribution or donation, whether in money or in kind, for the direct or indirect

benefit or use of persons who intend to act or are about to act, or have acted, in a manner prejudicial to the security of Singapore or to the maintenance of public order therein, or who incite to violence therein or counsel disobedience to the law thereof or any lawful order therein.

(4) Every document purporting to be a subversive document shall be presumed to be a subversive document until the contrary is proved; and where in any prosecution under this section it is proved that a person was carrying or had in his possession or under his control a subversive document he shall be deemed to have known the contents and the nature of the contents of such document:

Provided that no person shall be convicted of an offence under this section if he proves to the satisfaction of the court —

- (a) that he was not aware of the contents and the nature of the contents of the subversive document which he was carrying or had in his possession or under his control; and
- (b) that he was carrying or had the subversive document in his possession or under his control in such circumstances that at no time did he have reasonable cause to believe or suspect that such document was a subversive document.

### **Powers of search and seizure of documents**

**28.**—(1) Any police officer may, without warrant and with or without assistance —

- (a) enter and search any premises;
- (b) stop and search any vehicle, vessel, train, aircraft or individual, whether in a public place or not,

if he suspects that any document, publication, material or article being evidence of the commission of an offence under this Chapter is likely to be found in such vehicle, vessel, train, aircraft or on such individual, and may seize any document, publication, material or article so found.

(2) Any document, publication, material or article seized under subsection (1) shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of in such manner as the Commissioner of Police may order.

(3) The Commissioner of Police shall, on making an order under subsection (2), if he has reason to believe that the owner, or person who was in possession immediately before such document, publication, material or article was seized, is in Singapore, cause a notice to be served on that person informing him of the terms of the order.

(4) Any person aggrieved by an order made under subsection (2) may appeal against the order to the Minister:

Provided that no appeal against the order shall be allowed unless notice of appeal in writing, together with the reasons for the appeal, is given to the Commissioner of Police and to the Minister within 14 days of service of notice of the order under subsection (3).

(5) Where an order has been made under subsection (2) it shall only be carried into effect if the order has not been appealed against or if any appeal against the order has been dismissed or abandoned.

(6) No woman shall be searched under this section except by a woman.

### **Disposal of subversive documents, etc.**

**29.**—(1) Where proceedings are taken in respect of any offence under this Chapter the court by or before which the alleged offender is tried shall, on the request of any police officer not below the rank of assistant superintendent of police, on the final determination of those proceedings order that any document, publication, material or article being an exhibit in such proceedings be delivered to such officer for disposal under section 28(2).

(2) For the purpose of this section, any proceedings shall not be deemed to have been finally determined so long as there is pending any appeal in the matter of the proceedings; and an appeal in the matter shall be deemed to be pending during the ordinary time within which such an appeal may be lodged, and if such an appeal is duly

lodged the appeal shall be deemed to be pending until it is decided or withdrawn.

#### *Chapter 4 — Control of entertainments and exhibitions*

##### **Power to require information**

**30.**—(1) The promoter and every person concerned in the promotion of any entertainment or exhibition and the proprietor of any premises upon which any such entertainment or exhibition is held or is intended to be held shall upon the order in writing of the Minister or of any officer authorised by the Minister in that behalf furnish to the Minister or that officer such information as he may specify relating to the following matters:

- (a) particulars of persons concerned in the promotion of the entertainment or exhibition and the interests represented by those persons;
- (b) particulars of the persons who have agreed to participate or participated in the entertainment or exhibition or have been invited to do so and the interests represented by those persons;
- (c) the purposes to which any profits from the entertainment or exhibition are intended to be or have been applied; and
- (d) such other matters as the Minister may direct.

(2) Any person furnishing as true information required under subsection (1) which he knows or has reason to believe to be false or incomplete shall be guilty of an offence under section 39.

(3) In the event of any entertainment or exhibition in respect of which information has been furnished under subsection (1) being conducted in any manner contrary to the information so furnished the person by whom the information was furnished shall be guilty of an offence under section 39.

##### **Power to impose conditions**

**31.**—(1) The Minister may, if he is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to ensure that any entertainment or exhibition shall not be an entertainment or exhibition to which section 33 would apply, by

order in writing require the promoter and every person concerned in the promotion of the entertainment or exhibition and the proprietor of any premises upon which any such entertainment or exhibition is held or is intended to be held to observe such conditions relating to the holding of such entertainment or exhibition as he may specify.

(2) Every person who commits any breach of or fails to comply with any conditions imposed under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence under section 39:

Provided that no person shall be convicted of an offence under this section if he proves that the breach of or failure to comply with the conditions in respect of which he is charged was done without his authority, consent and knowledge, and without any want of due care or caution on his part.

(3) The Minister may, if in any particular case he thinks it necessary, require any person in respect of whom an order under subsection (1) has been made to enter into a bond, with or without sureties, in such sum as the Minister may direct, that the conditions contained in such order shall be observed.

### **Promoter, etc., to be in attendance at entertainment or exhibition**

**32.—**(1) The promoter and every person concerned in the promotion of any entertainment or exhibition which is the subject of an order under section 31 and the proprietor of any premises upon which any such entertainment or exhibition is held shall severally, and either personally or by a duly authorised agent approved in that behalf by a police officer not below the rank of inspector, be present throughout the period of every performance or display of every such entertainment or exhibition.

(2) The Minister may by writing exempt any person either absolutely or subject to such conditions as the Minister may prescribe from subsection (1).

**Power to prohibit certain entertainments or exhibitions**

**33.**—(1) The Minister may by order prohibit the holding of or may direct the closing of any entertainment or exhibition —

- (a) if he is satisfied that such entertainment or exhibition is or is likely to be in any way detrimental to the national interest;
- (b) if there has been in respect of such entertainment or exhibition any refusal of or failure to furnish any information required to be furnished under section 30, or if any information so furnished is false or incomplete; or
- (c) if there has been in respect of such entertainment or exhibition any breach of or failure to comply with any conditions imposed under section 31.

(2) The promoter and every person concerned in the promotion of any entertainment or exhibition which is held or continued in contravention of an order under subsection (1) and the proprietor of any premises upon which such exhibition is held shall be guilty of an offence under section 39:

Provided that no person shall be convicted of an offence under this section if he proves that the entertainment or exhibition in respect of which he is charged was promoted or continued without his authority, consent and knowledge and without any want of due care or caution on his part.

**Powers of entry and investigation**

**34.**—(1) Any police officer or any person authorised by the Minister in writing in that behalf may without warrant enter any premises upon which any entertainment or exhibition is being held or is intended to be held with a view to ascertaining whether the provisions of this Chapter or of any order made thereunder are being complied with, and may make such investigation and inspection of such premises and call upon any person to produce such articles, books, accounts, tickets or other documents or things and to furnish any information as such officer or person may consider necessary for such purpose:

Provided that any person not in uniform purporting to exercise any powers under this subsection shall on demand produce his written authority to exercise such powers to any person lawfully demanding the written authority.

(2) Any person who —

- (a) obstructs any officer or authorised person lawfully exercising any powers conferred on him by or under subsection (1) in entering or inspecting any premises or delays in producing any articles, books, accounts or other documents or things which he has been called upon by such officer or authorised person to produce and which are or ought to be in the ordinary course of business in his power to produce;
- (b) refuses to furnish any information which he may be required to furnish by such officer or authorised person or who, being required to furnish information by such officer or authorised person, furnishes false or misleading information; or
- (c) obstructs the seizure of any document or other thing under section 36, or the closure of any entertainment or exhibition under section 37,

shall be guilty of an offence under section 39.

## **Search**

**35.—**(1) Any officer or person authorised to exercise the powers of entry or investigation under section 34 may without warrant and with or without assistance enter any premises if he considers it to be necessary and has reason to believe that an offence under this Chapter or any order made thereunder has been committed and may search such place and any person whom he reasonably believes to be concerned in the management or promotion of any entertainment or exhibition or to be an agent or employee of the promoter or of the proprietor of those premises.

(2) No woman shall be searched under this section except by a woman.

**Powers of seizure**

**36.** Any officer or person authorised to exercise the powers of entry or investigation under section 34 may seize any document or other thing in respect of which he reasonably believes an offence to have been committed under this Chapter or any order made thereunder or which he reasonably believes to be or to contain evidence relating to such an offence:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the powers of a police officer under the Criminal Procedure Code 2010.

**Powers of closure**

**37.** Any officer or person authorised to exercise the powers of entry or investigation under section 34 may, without prejudice to the exercise of the powers conferred on him by that section, forthwith take such steps as he may consider necessary to close any entertainment or exhibition which he is satisfied is kept open in contravention of any order made under section 31 or 33.

**Liability of principal for acts of employee**

**38.** For the purposes of this Chapter and any orders made thereunder every person shall be liable for every act, omission, neglect or default of any agent or employee employed by him, as fully and effectually as if such act, omission, neglect or default were done or committed by such person; but so that nothing in this section shall affect the liability of such agent or employee, and provided that the liability of a principal shall not extend to imprisonment unless he is privy to the offence.

**Abetment and penalty**

**39.** Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Chapter or any order made or any condition imposed thereunder, or abets such contravention or failure, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

*Chapter 5 — Other powers for the  
prevention of subversion*

**Powers relating to appointments**

**40.**—(1) Where any written law confers any power relating to any appointment upon any person, body or authority constituted under such law, the Minister may by order require that, before making any appointment, that person, body or authority shall submit to him —

- (a) a list of the names of the persons from whom such appointment will be made; and
- (b) such other information as may be specified in the order.

(2) Such person, body or authority shall not appoint or recruit any person whose appointment is in the opinion of the Minister prejudicial to the interests of Singapore.

(3) No person otherwise than in the course of his official duty shall disclose to any person any communication which he may have received from the Minister under subsection (2).

**Power to close schools or educational institutions**

**41.**—(1) The Minister, if he is satisfied at any time that a school or educational institution is being used —

- (a) for a purpose detrimental to the interests of Singapore or of the public;
- (b) for the purpose of instruction detrimental to the interests of the public or of the pupils; or
- (c) as a meeting-place of an unlawful society,

and that the circumstances so require, may make an order closing such school or educational institution for such period, not exceeding 6 months at any one time, as may be specified in the order.

(2) The board of managers or governors of any school or educational institution, aggrieved by any order made under subsection (1), may within one month of the date of the order make an objection against such order to the President whose decision shall be final and shall not be called in question in any court.

(3) In this section —

“school” means —

- (a) a place where 10 or more persons are or are habitually taught, whether in one or more classes; or
- (b) in the case of a correspondence school, the place or places where instruction is prepared or where answers are examined or corrected,

but does not include any place where the teaching is of a purely religious character, or for a purely religious purpose;

“educational institution” means any place (including a school) where, in the carrying on of the work of any organisation or institution, persons are or are habitually taught, whether in one or more classes, except that it does not include any place where the teaching is of a purely religious character or for purely religious purposes.

### **Control of admission to institutions of higher education**

**42.—**(1) Notwithstanding anything in any other written law, no person shall, on or after 1 August 1964, be admitted as a student to any institution of higher education to which this section applies unless he holds a certificate of suitability for admission thereto issued to him in accordance with subsection (2):

Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any person ordinarily resident outside Singapore whose admission to any such institution is recommended by any person or body designated for the purposes of this section by the Minister charged with the responsibility for education.

(2) Any person requiring a certificate of suitability for admission to any institution of higher education shall apply therefor in writing to the Director of Education; and the Director of Education, after making such enquiries as he may consider appropriate, shall issue the certificate unless there appear to him to be reasonable grounds for believing that the applicant, if admitted to the institution in question, would be likely to promote, or otherwise participate in, action

prejudicial to the interests or security of Singapore or any part thereof.

(3) Any person whose application for a certificate under this section is refused may, at any time within the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which he is notified of the decision, appeal against it to the Minister; and on any such appeal, the Minister —

- (a) if he is satisfied of the existence of the grounds referred to in subsection (2), shall confirm the decision;
- (b) in any other case, shall direct the issue of a certificate.

(4) The decision of the Minister on any appeal under subsection (3) shall be final and shall not be called in question in any court.

(5) The institutions of higher education to which this section applies are as follows:

- (a) the National University of Singapore, the Singapore Polytechnic and the Ngee Ann Polytechnic;
- (b) any other institution of higher education which the Minister may designate for the purposes of this section by a notification in the *Gazette*,

and references in this section to a person's admission as a student to any such institution are references to his registration or enrolment for attendance at any course of study provided by the institution.

### **Powers in relation to pupils, etc., visiting Singapore**

**43.**—(1) The Minister may from time to time by order in writing forbid, except in accordance with the written permission of the Commissioner of Police or any police officer not below the rank of superintendent of police authorised in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner of Police first obtained —

- (a) the pupils, students, teachers or members;
- (b) any class of pupils, students, teachers or members; or
- (c) any named pupil, student, teacher or member,

of any school, college, educational institution or students' union or association, as the case may be, specified in the order and situated or

established outside Singapore to enter into or travel within Singapore as a group, or as one of a group of 5 or more such pupils, students, teachers or members, or, for the purpose of effecting as one of a group of such persons some common object within Singapore, otherwise to enter into or travel therein.

(2) The Commissioner of Police or any police officer authorised in writing by him in accordance with subsection (1) may grant permission under subsection (1) subject to such conditions (if any) as he may think fit to impose, and he may further require as a condition precedent thereto that a pupil, student, teacher or member to whom he proposes to grant such permission or the parent of a pupil, student or member or such other person as he, the Commissioner of Police, or such authorised police officer thinks satisfactory, shall furnish such security by bond or otherwise as the Commissioner of Police or such authorised police officer may think sufficient to secure the due observance and fulfilment of the conditions imposed.

(3) Where the Commissioner of Police has reason to believe —

(a) that any person —

- (i) is a pupil, student, teacher or member affected by an order made under subsection (1);
- (ii) has entered Singapore from a place outside and has not since the date of such entry continuously remained in Singapore for a period exceeding 3 months;
- (iii) is not the holder of a valid identity card issued to him in Singapore in accordance with the provisions of any written law for the time being in force relating to identity cards and which bears an address within Singapore; and
- (iv) has contravened or intends to contravene the provisions of any such order; or

(b) that any person having obtained written permission under subsection (1) has failed to observe any conditions imposed upon him under subsection (2) in respect of such permission,

the Commissioner of Police may by order in writing —

- (c) direct that such person be required to leave Singapore within such time as may be specified in the order and thereafter remain out of Singapore for a period of 6 months from the date of the service of the order upon him, or for such lesser period as the Commissioner of Police may specify; or
- (d) direct that such person be taken into custody and, as speedily as may be, conducted across the frontier, and that person may lawfully be detained for so long as may be necessary for his removal to take effect; and such person so removed shall remain out of Singapore for a period of 6 months from the date of his removal.

(4) Any person who contravenes or fails to obey any order made under this section or who commits a breach of any conditions imposed under subsection (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

(5) This section shall not operate to authorise the removal from Singapore of any person who is a citizen of Singapore ordinarily resident in Singapore.

### *Chapter 6 — Miscellaneous*

#### **Attempts to commit offences and assisting offenders**

**44.**—(1) Without prejudice to the operation of Chapters 5 and 23 of the Penal Code 1871 any person who attempts to commit, or does any act preparatory to the commission of an offence under this Part shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence under this Part.

(2) No person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that another person is guilty of an offence under this Part shall give that other person any assistance with intent thereby to prevent, hinder or interfere with the apprehension, trial or punishment of that person for that offence.

#### **Abetment and general penalty**

**45.** Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Part or any order made or any direction or instruction

given or requirement imposed thereunder or abets such contravention or failure for which no special penalty is provided shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

### **Arrest**

**46.** Any police officer may without warrant arrest any person suspected of the commission of an offence under this Part or of being a person ordered in pursuance of this Part to be detained.

### **Enforcement of bonds**

**47.—(1)** Where any person is required to enter into a bond under section 8(1), 10 or 31(3), such bond may be enforced by any Magistrate on the application of any police officer not below the rank of sergeant, in the same manner as under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010 the court of such Magistrate may enforce a bond required by that court to be executed under the provisions of that Code.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the penalty or any part thereof of any such bond from being recovered by suit or action in any civil court of competent jurisdiction, from the person entering into such bond or from his sureties, in accordance with any law for the time being in force relating to Government proceedings.

## PART 3

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO SECURITY AREAS

#### *Chapter 1 — Proclamation of security areas*

### **Proclamation of security areas**

**48.—(1)** If in the opinion of the President public security in any area in Singapore is seriously disturbed or threatened by reason of any action taken or threatened by any substantial body of persons, whether inside or outside Singapore, to cause or to cause a substantial number of citizens to fear organised violence against persons or

property, he may, if he considers it to be necessary for the purpose of suppressing such organised violence, proclaim such area as a security area for the purposes of this Part.

(2) Every proclamation made under subsection (1) shall apply only to such area as is therein specified and shall remain in force until it is revoked by the President or is annulled by resolution passed by Parliament:

Provided that such revocation or annulment shall be without prejudice to anything previously done by virtue of the proclamation.

(3) A proclamation made under subsection (1) shall be published in such manner as the Minister thinks necessary for bringing it to the notice of all persons who in his opinion ought to have notice thereof and shall have effect as soon as such notice has been given, without publication in the *Gazette*.

(4) A copy of every proclamation made under subsection (1) shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall be presented to Parliament as soon as possible after it has been made.

## *Chapter 2 — Powers relating to preservation of public security*

### **Danger area**

**49.—**(1) The Minister, if he considers it necessary or expedient in the public security to do so, may, by order to be published in the *Gazette*, declare any area within a security area to be a danger area.

(2) The limits and extent of every danger area shall be demarcated at the site by such means as will, in the opinion of the Minister, make apparent to persons in or about the area concerned that such area has been declared a danger area.

(3) No person shall enter or remain in a danger area, and any person who fails to comply with this subsection shall be guilty of an offence under this Part:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply to members of the security forces in the performance of their duty, or to any person accompanied by any such member.

(4) Any member of the security forces may within a danger area take such measures, including means dangerous or fatal to human life, as he considers necessary to ensure that no person prohibited from entering or remaining in a danger area shall enter or remain in such area.

(5) No claim of any kind shall accrue to, or in respect of any injury sustained by, any person as a result of his having entered or remained in a danger area in contravention of subsection (3):

Provided that this subsection shall not preclude the award of compensation under any regulations made under section 72 if, in the particular circumstances under which the person sustaining the injury entered or remained in a danger area, the authority empowered to award compensation thereunder considers it equitable to award such compensation.

(6) Where any land, building or other immovable property is within a danger area, a claim for compensation in respect of such land, building or other immovable property may be made in the manner prescribed by regulations made under section 72.

### **Controlled area**

**50.**—(1) The Minister may, if he considers it expedient in the public security to do so, make an order, which shall be published in the *Gazette*, declaring any area within a security area to be a controlled area, and in the same or any subsequent order may declare any specified part of such controlled area to be a residential part.

(2) Every such order shall declare —

- (a) that after the expiration of a period to be specified in the order (which shall not be less than 7 days from the date thereof) and subject to any exemption for which provision may be made by the same or by a subsequent order and to any conditions upon which such exemption may be granted, no person shall reside or continue to reside in any part of a controlled area other than a residential part;
- (b) that between such hours or at such times as may be specified in the order and subject to any exemption for

which provision may be made by the same or by a subsequent order and to any conditions upon which such exemption may be granted, no person shall enter or remain in any part of the controlled area other than a residential part.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of an order made under this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Part.

(4) No order under this section shall apply to —

(a) the President;

(b) any member of the security forces when acting in the course of his duty;

(c) any person or class of persons exempted from the provisions of such order by the Commissioner of Police or the officer in charge of the division.

### **Protected place**

**51.—**(1) If, as respects any place or premises in any security area, it appears to the Commissioner of Police to be necessary or expedient in the interests of public security or order, or for the maintenance of supplies or services essential to the life of the community, that special precautions should be taken to prevent the entry of unauthorised persons, he may by order declare such place or premises to be a protected place for the purposes of this Part; and so long as the order is in force, no person shall, subject to any exemptions for which provision may be made in the order, enter or remain in that place or those premises without the permission of such authority or person as may be specified in the order.

(2) Where, in pursuance of this section, any person is granted permission to be in a protected place, that person shall, while acting under such permission, comply with such directions for regulating his conduct as may be given by the Commissioner of Police or by the authority or person granting the permission.

(3) Any police officer, or any person authorised in that behalf by the officer in charge of the division may search any person entering or

seeking to enter, or being in, a protected place, and may detain any such person for the purpose of searching him.

(4) If any person is in a protected place in contravention of this section, or, while in such a place, fails to comply with any directions given under this section, then without prejudice to any proceedings which may be taken against him, he may be removed from the place by any police officer or any person authorised in that behalf by the occupier of the premises.

(5) Any person who is in a protected place in contravention of this section or who on being challenged by a police officer wilfully fails to stop or who unlawfully refuses to submit to search shall be guilty of an offence under this Part.

(6) It shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Police to take or cause to be taken such steps as he may consider necessary for the protection of any protected place, and such steps may extend to the taking of defensive measures which involve or may involve danger to the life of any person entering or attempting to enter the protected place.

(7) Where any measures involving such danger as aforesaid are adopted, the Commissioner of Police shall cause such precautions to be taken, including the prominent display of warning notices, as he considers reasonably necessary to prevent inadvertent or accidental entry into any protected place, and where such precautions have been duly taken, no person shall be entitled to compensation or damages in respect of injury received or death caused as a result of any unauthorised entry into any such protected place.

(8) For the purposes of this section, “police officer” shall include —

- (a) any member of the security forces;
- (b) any prison officer;
- (c) any other person performing the duties of a guard or watchman in a protected place, the appointment of whom has been either specially or generally authorised by the Commissioner of Police.

(9) No woman shall be searched under this section except by a woman.

### **Exclusion of persons**

**52.** The officer in charge of a division may by order in writing exclude any person or persons from the division under his charge or from any part thereof, such division or part being part of a security area.

### **Curfew**

**53.—(1)** Every person within any division or part thereof within a security area which may be designated by order by the officer in charge of the division shall remain within doors, or within such area as may be defined in the order, between such hours as may be specified in the order, unless in possession of a written permit in that behalf issued by a police officer of or above the rank of sergeant.

(2) No order under this section shall apply to —

- (a) the President;
- (b) any member of the security forces when acting in the course of his duty;
- (c) any person or class of persons exempted from the provisions of such order by the Commissioner of Police or the officer in charge of the division.

### **Power to take possession of land or buildings**

**54.—(1)** The Minister may if it appears to him to be necessary or expedient to do so in the interests of public security, or for the accommodation of any security forces, take possession of any land or of any building or part of a building in any security area and may give such directions as appear to him necessary or expedient in connection with the taking of possession of that land or building.

(2) Any police officer may take such steps and use such force as appears to him to be reasonably necessary for securing compliance with directions given to any person under subsection (1).

(3) While any land or building is in the possession of the Minister by virtue of this section, the land or building may, notwithstanding any restriction imposed on the use thereof (whether by any written law or other instrument or otherwise), be used by, or under the authority of, the Minister for such purpose, and in such manner, as the Minister thinks expedient in the interests of public security or for the accommodation of any security forces; and the Minister, so far as appears to him to be necessary or expedient in connection with the taking of possession or use of the land or building in pursuance of this subsection —

- (a) may do, or authorise persons using the land or building as aforesaid to do, in relation to the land or building, anything any person having an interest in the land or building would be entitled to do by virtue of that interest; and
- (b) may by order provide for prohibiting or restricting the exercise of rights of way over the land or building, and of other rights relating thereto which are enjoyed by any person, whether by virtue of an interest in land or otherwise.

(4) The owner or occupier of any land or building shall, if requested by or on behalf of the Minister to do so, furnish to such authority or person as may be specified in the request such information in his possession relating to the land or building (being information which may reasonably be demanded of him in connection with the execution of this section) as may be so specified.

(5) For the purposes of this section, there shall be one or more advisory committees consisting of persons appointed by the Minister; and any such committee may make rules for the conduct of its proceedings.

(6) Any person aggrieved by reason of the taking possession of any land or building under this section may within 14 days after such possession has been taken give notice of his objection thereto to an advisory committee appointed under subsection (5).

(7) The chairman of an advisory committee to which such notice has been given by an aggrieved person shall inform any person on whose behalf possession of such land or building has been taken, and

the advisory committee shall thereupon consider the objection made by the aggrieved person and any grounds which may be put forward against such objections by the person on whose behalf such possession has been taken, and shall forward its recommendations to the Minister.

(8) The Minister after considering the recommendations of the advisory committee shall give such directions thereon as he may think fit.

### **Power to order destruction of certain unoccupied buildings**

**55.**—(1) Where in any security area any building or structure is left unoccupied by reason of the operation of any order made under this Chapter, the officer in charge of the division in which such building or structure is situated may if it appears to him —

(a) to be likely that such building or structure will if left standing be used by any person or persons who intend, or are about, to act or have recently acted in a manner prejudicial to public security or by any other person who is likely to harbour any such persons; and

(b) to be impracticable in any other way to prevent such use, destroy or authorise the destruction of that building or structure.

(2) Compensation shall be payable in respect of the destruction of any building or structure under this section if the claimant satisfies the Minister —

(a) that such building or structure was erected by or with the consent of the person lawfully entitled to the land on which the same was erected; and

(b) that such building or structure was not liable to forfeiture under any regulations made under section 72:

Provided that compensation may be paid to the owner or occupier of any building or structure erected by or with the consent of the person lawfully entitled to the land on which it was erected, notwithstanding that such building or structure is liable to forfeiture under any regulations made under section 72, if such

owner or occupier satisfies the Minister that the building or structure was used by persons who intend, or are about, to act or have recently acted, in a manner prejudicial to public security or that such persons were being or had been harboured by his employee or agent, as the case may be, without his knowledge or consent, and that he exercised all due diligence to prevent such building or structure being so used or the harbouring of such persons, as the case may be.

(3) Any compensation payable under this section shall be assessed in accordance with regulations made under section 72.

### **Power to control roads, etc.**

**56.**—(1) Any officer in charge of a division or any person duly authorised by any such officer may by order, or by giving directions, or in any other manner, regulate, restrict, control or prohibit the use of any road or waterway in any security area by any person or class of persons or any vehicle or vessel or type or description of vehicle or vessel or close any road or waterway in such area.

(2) Any officer in charge of a division may, by the issue of permits to which conditions may be attached or in any other manner, regulate, restrict, control or prohibit the travelling by any person or class of persons in any train, motor car, motor bus or vehicle of any description in any security area, and may similarly regulate, restrict, control or prohibit the travelling by any person in any vessel in such area.

### **Power to seize rice and other food**

**57.**—(1) When on duty, any police officer or any member of the security forces of or above the rating or rank of leading rate or non-commissioned officer (as the case may be) or any person authorised in writing to do so by the officer in charge of the division may seize any rice or any other article of food in any security area which by reason of its quantity or its situation is or is likely to or may become available to any persons who intend or are about to act or have recently acted in a manner prejudicial to public security or to the maintenance of public order.

(2) Any such police officer or member of such forces as aforesaid may without warrant enter and search any premises if he suspects that any rice or any food liable to seizure under this section is likely to be found on such premises.

(3) When on duty any police officer or any member of the security forces or any person who is authorised in writing to do so by the officer in charge of the division may stop and search any vessel, vehicle or individual in any security area, whether in a public place or not, if he suspects that any rice or any food liable to seizure under this section is likely to be found on such vessel, vehicle or individual.

(4) No woman shall be searched under this section except by a woman.

### *Chapter 3 — Offences relating to security areas*

#### **Offences relating to firearms, ammunition and explosives**

**58.**—(1) Any person who without lawful excuse, the onus of proving which shall be on such person, in any security area carries or has in his possession or under his control —

- (a) any firearm without lawful authority therefor; or
- (b) any ammunition or explosive without lawful authority therefor,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to be punished with death.

(2) A person shall be deemed to have lawful authority for the purposes of this section only if he —

- (a) is a police officer or a member of the security forces, or any person employed in the Prisons Department, and in every such case is carrying or is in possession of or has under his control such firearm, ammunition or explosive in or in connection with the performance of his duty;
- (b) is a person duly licensed, or authorised without a licence, under the provisions of any written law for the time being in force to carry, possess or have under his control such firearm, ammunition or explosive; or

- (c) is a person exempted from this section by an officer in charge of a division, or is a member of any class of persons so exempted by the Commissioner of Police by notification in the *Gazette*:

Provided that no person shall be deemed to have lawful authority for the purposes of this section or to be exempt from this section if he carries or has in his possession or under his control any such firearm, ammunition or explosive for the purpose of using the same in a manner prejudicial to public security or the maintenance of public order.

(3) A person shall be deemed to have lawful excuse for the purposes of this section only if he proves —

- (a) that he acquired such firearm, ammunition or explosive in a lawful manner and for a lawful purpose; and
- (b) that he has not at any time while carrying or having in his possession or under his control such firearm, ammunition or explosive acted in a manner prejudicial to public security or the maintenance of public order.

(4) A person charged with an offence under this section shall not be granted bail.

### **Consorting with person carrying or having possession of firearms or explosives**

**59.—**(1) Any person who in any security area consorts with or is found in the company of another person who is carrying or has in his possession or under his control any firearm, ammunition or explosive in contravention of section 58, in circumstances which raise a reasonable presumption that he intends, or is about, to act, or has recently acted, with such other person in a manner prejudicial to public security or the maintenance of public order shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to be punished with death or with imprisonment for life.

(2) Any person who in any security area consorts with, or is found in the company of, another person who is carrying or has in his possession, or under his control any firearm, ammunition or

explosive in contravention of section 58, in circumstances which raise a reasonable presumption that he knew that such other person was carrying or had in his possession or under his control any such firearm, ammunition or explosive shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years.

(3) Where, in any prosecution for an offence under this section, it is established to the satisfaction of the court that the accused person was consorting with or in the company of any person who was carrying or had in his possession or under his control any firearm, ammunition or explosive, it shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, that such last mentioned person was carrying or had in his possession or under his control such firearm, ammunition or explosive in contravention of section 58.

## **Supplies**

**60.**—(1) Any person who whether within or outside a security area demands, collects or receives any supplies from any other person in circumstances which raise a reasonable presumption that he intends, or is about, to act, or has recently acted, in a manner prejudicial to public security or the maintenance of public order, or that the supplies so demanded, collected or received are intended for the use of any person who intends or is about, so to act, or has recently so acted, or for the use of any terrorist, shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for life.

(2) Any person who whether within or outside a security area is found in possession of any supplies for which he cannot satisfactorily account in circumstances which raise a reasonable presumption that such supplies are intended for the use of any person who intends, or is about, to act, or has recently acted, in a manner prejudicial to public security or the maintenance of public order, or that such supplies are intended for the use of any terrorist shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for life.

(3) Any person who whether within or outside a security area provides, whether directly or indirectly, any supplies to any other person in circumstances which raise a reasonable presumption that such other person intends, or is about, to act, or has recently acted, in

a manner prejudicial to public security or the maintenance of public order, or that the supplies so provided are intended for the use of any person who intends or is about, so to act, or has recently so acted, or that such supplies are intended for the use of any terrorist shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for life:

Provided that no person shall be convicted of any offence under this subsection if he proves that prior to being charged with or accused of such offence by a police officer or a person in authority he voluntarily gave full information of the offence to a police officer.

(4) In any charge for an offence under this section it shall not be necessary to specify the person or persons from whom any supplies were demanded, collected or received or to whom any supplies were provided or intended to be provided.

### **Failure to report offences or to give information**

**61.** Any person who, whether within or outside a security area, while any proclamation under section 48 is in force —

- (a) knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that another person has committed an offence under this Part fails to report that offence to a police officer; or
- (b) having in his possession any information as to the present or intended movements or whereabouts of any person whom he knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be a terrorist fails to report the same to a police officer,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years:

Provided that no person shall be convicted of any offence under this section if he proves that prior to being charged with or accused of such offence by a police officer or a person in authority, he voluntarily gave full information of such other offence or of such movements or whereabouts to a police officer.

**Attempt to commit offences**

**62.** Without prejudice to the operation of Chapter 5 and Chapter 23 of the Penal Code 1871, any person who whether within or outside a security area, while any proclamation under section 48 is in force, attempts to commit, or does any act preparatory to the commission of an offence under this Part shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence under this Part.

**Assisting offenders**

**63.** No person, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that another person has committed an offence under this Part, shall, whether within or outside a security area, give that other person any assistance with intent thereby to prevent, hinder or interfere with the apprehension, trial or punishment of that person for the offence.

**Abetment and general penalty**

**64.** If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Part, or any order made under or direction given or requirement imposed under any such section of this Part or, whether within or outside a security area, abets such contravention or failure, he shall be guilty of an offence under this Part; and subject to any special provisions contained in this Part or in any regulations made under section 72, a person guilty of any such offence shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

*Chapter 4 — Powers of police and others***Arrest**

**65.—(1)** Any police officer may without warrant arrest any person suspected of the commission of an offence under this Part.

(2) The powers conferred upon a police officer by subsection (1) may be exercised by any member of the security forces, by any person performing the duties of a guard or watchman in a protected place, and by any other person generally authorised in that behalf by the Commissioner of Police.

**Powers of search**

**66.**—(1) When on duty any police officer or any member of the security forces or any person who is authorised in writing to do so by the officer in charge of a division, may without warrant and with or without assistance stop and search any vehicle, vessel, train, aircraft or individual, whether in a public place or not, if he suspects that any article or material being evidence of the commission of an offence under this Part is likely to be found in such vehicle, vessel, train, aircraft or on such individual, and may seize any article or material so found.

(2) When on duty any police officer of or above the rank of corporal or any member of the security forces of or above the rating or rank of leading rate or non-commissioned officer (as the case may be) or any person authorised in writing to do so by the officer in charge of a division may without warrant and with or without assistance enter and search any premises or place if he suspects that any article or material being evidence of the commission of any offence under this Part is likely to be found on such premises or place and may seize any article or material so found.

(3) No woman shall be searched under this section except by a woman.

**Power to dispense with death inquiries**

**67.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any written law, in any security area —

- (a) a Coroner may dispense with the holding of a death inquiry on the dead body of any police officer or of any member of the security forces;
- (b) where the Coroner responsible for holding a death inquiry upon the body of any person is satisfied that such person has been killed in a security area as a result of operations by the police or by the security forces for the purpose of suppressing organised violence, the Coroner may dispense with the holding of a death inquiry on the body of such person.

**Medical officers of armed forces to be regarded as pathologist or medical practitioner under supervision of pathologist**

**68.** The provisions of the Coroners Act 2010 shall, in respect of any inquiries into any death in any security area, have effect as if reference therein to a pathologist, or a medical practitioner under the supervision of a pathologist, included reference in each case to a medical officer of the Singapore Armed Forces when acting in the course of his duty:

Provided that no such medical officer of the Singapore Armed Forces shall, without his consent, be required by any order or otherwise to perform a post-mortem examination of any body.

[15/2010]

*Chapter 5 — General***Compensation**

**69.—**(1) Where in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 54 or by any regulations made under section 72, possession is taken of any land, building or other structure or of any movable property or of any space or accommodation in any vessel, aircraft, train or vehicle, compensation in respect of such possession shall be assessed in accordance with regulations made under section 72.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no compensation shall be payable to any person in respect of any damage or injury to his person or property caused by or consequent upon any act authorised by this Part or any regulations made under section 72, unless provision for such compensation is made by this Part or any regulations made under section 72.

**Application of section 94 of Penal Code 1871**

**70.** Section 94 of the Penal Code 1871 (which relates to an act to which a person is compelled by threats) shall have effect as if offences punishable with death under this Part were offences included in Chapter 6 of the Penal Code 1871 punishable with death.

**Extension of right of private defence**

71. The right of private defence of property conferred by section 105 of the Penal Code 1871 shall be deemed to extend to any mischief by fire or explosive committed on a railway engine, railway rolling stock or a motor vehicle in any security area, as it applies to mischief by fire committed on a building used as a human dwelling or as a place for the custody of property.

[15/2019]

*Chapter 6 — Power to make regulations***Power to make regulations**

72.—(1) When a proclamation has been made under section 48 it shall be lawful for the President to make in respect of any security area any regulations whatsoever which he considers desirable for the public security.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality or scope of the powers conferred by subsection (1), regulations may be made under subsection (1) in respect of any matters coming within the classes of subjects hereinafter specified:

- (a) the assessment and payment of remuneration, compensation and allowances in respect of all matters done under this Act or any regulations made thereunder or in respect of injuries occasioned by or resulting from any proclamation under section 48;
- (b) the restriction of the movement of persons in any security area;
- (c) processions and meetings in any security area;
- (d) the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel, light and other necessities in any security area;
- (e) the declaration of fences or barriers surrounding any area in a security area as perimeter fences, and the regulation of traffic and supplies from within and outside any such areas;
- (f) the eviction of persons unlawfully in occupation of land within any security area;

- (g) the seizure, occupation and forfeiture of land, buildings and other structures and movable property within any security area belonging to or used by persons who intend or are about to act or have acted in a manner prejudicial to the public security of Singapore, or belonging to or used by persons who are harbouring or have harboured or who by their employees or agents are harbouring or have harboured any such persons;
- (h) the appropriation, control, forfeiture, disposition and use of property in any security area;
- (i) the requisition of space or accommodation in any vessel, aircraft, train or vehicle within any security area;
- (j) the destruction of buildings and other structures within any security area;
- (k) the clearance of lands within any security area, the recovery of the costs of and the payment of compensation in respect of such clearance;
- (l) the payment of gratuities to workmen injured or to the dependants of workmen killed by acts of terrorism in any security area;
- (m) the restriction and prohibition in any security area of foodstuffs and other supplies;
- (n) the registration of persons or any class of persons and the control of occupations and industries within any security area;
- (o) the control of the movement of rubber and the protection of rubber plants in any security area;
- (p) modification, amendment, supersession or suspension of the provisions of any written law for the time being in force in any security area;
- (q) entry into and search of premises or other places and the arrest, search and interrogation of persons within any security area;

- (*r*) the formation of tribunals and other bodies for the purpose of deciding any matters specified in such regulations, but having no powers to inflict fines or imprisonment;
- (*s*) the prescription of fees and other payments;
- (*t*) any other matter in respect of which it is in the opinion of the President desirable in the interests of public security that regulations should be made.

(3) Any regulations made under this section may provide for the infliction in the event of a contravention thereof of a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

(4) Any regulations made under this section shall —

- (*a*) unless the President otherwise directs, come into force on the day on which they are made, and shall then continue in force so long as the proclamation under section 48 is in force, unless sooner revoked;
- (*b*) have effect only within the security area or areas to which the proclamation applies.

(5) All subsidiary legislation made under this Act in force in any security area immediately before the revocation or annulment of any proclamation made under section 48 shall cease to have effect in such area upon such revocation or annulment, but without prejudice to the taking or continuance of any proceedings in respect of anything previously done or omitted to be done, or to the payment of any compensation or allowance thereunder.

## PART 4

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### **Seizability and bailability of offences**

**73.**—(1) Every offence under this Act shall be seizable for the purposes of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010.

(2) Every offence under this Act punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding 3 years shall be non-bailable for the purposes of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010.

### **Power to detain suspected persons**

**74.**—(1) Any police officer may without warrant arrest and detain pending enquiries any person in respect of whom he has reason to believe —

- (a) that there are grounds which would justify his detention under section 8; and
- (b) that he has acted or is about to act or is likely to act in any manner prejudicial to the security of Singapore or any part thereof.

(2) Any police officer may without warrant arrest and detain pending enquiries any person, who upon being questioned by the officer fails to satisfy the officer as to his identity or as to the purposes for which he is in the place where he is found, and who such officer suspects has acted or is about to act in any manner prejudicial to the security of Singapore or any part thereof.

(3) No person shall be detained under this section for a period exceeding 24 hours except with the authority of a police officer of or above the rank of assistant superintendent of police or, subject as hereinafter provided, for a period of 48 hours in all.

(4) If an officer of or above the rank of superintendent of police is satisfied that the necessary enquiries cannot be completed within the period of 48 hours prescribed by subsection (3) he may authorise the further detention of any person detained under this section for an additional period not exceeding 28 days.

(5) Any officer giving any authorisation under subsection (4) shall forthwith report the circumstances thereof to the Commissioner of Police; and where such authorisation authorises detention for any period exceeding 14 days the Commissioner of Police shall forthwith report the circumstances thereof to the Minister.

(6) The powers of a police officer under subsections (1) and (2) may be exercised by any member of the security forces, and (in the case of

a protected place) any authorised officer of that protected place (within the meaning of the Infrastructure Protection Act 2017).

[41/2017]

(7) Any person detained under the powers conferred by this section shall be deemed to be in lawful custody, and may be detained in any prison, or in any police station, or in any other similar place authorised generally or specially by the Minister.

### **Use of lethal weapons in effecting arrests**

**75.**—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other written law, it shall be lawful for any police officer in order —

- (a) to effect the arrest of any person liable to detention under any order made under section 8;
- (b) to effect the arrest of any person liable to arrest and detention under section 74(1) or (2);
- (c) to effect the arrest of any person whom he has, in all the circumstances of the case, reasonable grounds for suspecting to have committed an offence under this Act or under any provision of any written law for the time being specified in the First Schedule;
- (d) to overcome forcible resistance offered by any person to such arrest; or
- (e) to prevent the escape from arrest or the rescue of any person arrested as aforesaid,

to use such force as, in the circumstances of the case, may be reasonably necessary, which force may extend to the use of lethal weapons.

(2) Every person arrested for any of the offences referred to in subsection (1) shall as soon as possible after his arrest be clearly warned of his liability to be shot at if he endeavours to escape from custody.

(3) The powers conferred upon a police officer by subsection (1) may be exercised by any member of the security forces, and by any person performing the duties of a guard or watchman in a protected

place, and by any other person generally authorised in that behalf by the Commissioner of Police.

(4) Nothing in this section shall derogate from the right of private defence contained in sections 96 to 106A, inclusive, of the Penal Code 1871.

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### **Admission of statements in evidence**

**76.—**(1) Where any person is charged with any offence under this Act or under any written law for the time being specified in the Second Schedule any statement, whether the statement amounts to a confession or not or is oral or in writing, made at any time, whether before or after that person is charged and whether in the course of a police investigation or not and whether or not wholly or partly in answer to questions, by that person to or in the hearing of any police officer of or above the rank of sergeant and whether or not interpreted to him by any other police officer or any other person concerned, or not, in the arrest, shall notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any written law, be admissible at his trial in evidence and, if that person tenders himself as a witness, any such statement may be used in cross-examination and for the purpose of impeaching his credit:

Provided that no such statement shall be admissible or used as aforesaid —

- (a) if the making of the statement appears to the court to have been caused by any inducement, threat or promise having reference to the charge against that person, proceeding from a person in authority and sufficient in the opinion of the court to give that person grounds which would appear to him reasonable for supposing that by making it he would gain any advantage or avoid any evil of a temporal nature in reference to the proceedings against him; or
- (b) in the case of a statement made by such person after his arrest, unless the court is satisfied that a caution was administered to him in the following words or words to the like effect:

“It is my duty to warn you that you are not obliged to say anything or to answer any question, but anything you say, whether in answer to a question or not, may be given in evidence”:

Provided that a statement made by any person before there is time to caution him shall not be rendered inadmissible in evidence merely by reason of no such caution having been given if it has been given as soon as possible.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any written law, a person accused of an offence to which subsection (1) applies shall not be bound to answer any questions relating to such case after any such caution has been administered to him.

(3) This section shall apply in relation to any person tried after 16 September 1963, whether or not the proceedings against such person were instituted and whether or not the relevant statement was made before that date.

### **Inspection of bankers’ books**

77. The Minister may, if he is satisfied that any evidence of the commission of an offence under this Act or under any written law for the time being specified in the Second Schedule is likely to be found in any banker’s book, by order authorise any police officer to inspect any such book, and a police officer so authorised may, at all reasonable times, enter the bank specified in the order and inspect the banker’s books kept therein, and may take copies of any entry in any such book.

### **Disposal of property**

78.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010 relating to the disposal of property the subject of an offence shall apply to any article coming into the possession of a police officer or any other person having any functions in connection with the operation of this Act which such officer or person has reasonable ground for believing to be evidence of the commission of an offence under this Act; and in relation to any such article any

reference therein to a police officer shall have effect as if it included a reference to any such person.

(2) Any article or material coming into the possession of a police officer under section 66 may be disposed of in such manner as the Minister may order.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be taken to prejudice any right to retain or dispose of property which may exist in law apart from this section.

**79.** [*Repealed by Act 26 of 2022 wef 12/06/2023*]

### **Jurisdiction of District Court**

**80.** Without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the General Division of the High Court, a District Court shall have jurisdiction to try any offence under this Act, other than an offence punishable with death, and to pass any sentence prescribed therefor not exceeding 5 years' imprisonment or a fine of \$5,000 or both.

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### **Restriction on prosecution**

**81.** A prosecution for any offence under this Act punishable with imprisonment for a term of 7 years or more shall not be instituted except with the consent of the Public Prosecutor:

Provided that, subject to the provisions of the law for the time being in force relating to criminal procedure —

- (a) a person charged with such an offence may be arrested, or a warrant for his arrest may be issued and executed, and any such person may be remanded in custody or on bail, notwithstanding that the consent of the Public Prosecutor to the institution of a prosecution for the offence has not been obtained, but the case shall not be further prosecuted until that consent has been obtained; and
- (b) when a person is brought before a court under this section before the Public Prosecutor has consented to the prosecution the charge shall be explained to him but he

shall not be called upon to plead, and the provisions of such law shall be modified accordingly.

### **Publicity of orders**

**82.**—(1) When any order or regulation is made or direction or instruction is given under this Act, the Minister or other authority making such order or regulation or giving such direction or instruction shall cause notice of its effect to be given as soon as possible in such manner as he thinks necessary for bringing it to the notice of all persons who in his opinion ought to have notice of it, and such order, regulation, direction or instruction shall have effect as soon as notice as aforesaid has been given, without publication in the *Gazette*.

(2) Without prejudice to any special provisions in this Act or in any rules or regulations made thereunder, a notice to be served on any person for the purposes of any section may be served by leaving it at, or by sending it by post in a letter addressed to that person at, his last or usual place of abode or place of business.

(3) Any order or regulation made or any direction or instruction given under this Act may at any time during its continuance be cancelled by the person empowered to make such order or regulation or to give such direction or instruction, but without prejudice to the previous validity thereof or to anything done thereunder or to the power of that person to make a fresh order or regulation or give a fresh direction or instruction under such provisions.

### **Saving**

**83.** Nothing in this Act shall affect any other law relating to criminal offences:

Provided that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence.

### **Amendment, etc., of Schedules**

**84.** The Schedules to this Act may be added to, varied or amended by resolution passed by Parliament.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

Section 75(1)

**LAWS AGAINST WHICH SUSPECTED OFFENDERS  
MAY BE FORCIBLY ARRESTED**

1. The Corrosive and Explosive ... Sections 3, 4 and 5.  
Substances and Offensive  
Weapons Act 1958
2. The Penal Code 1871 ... Sections 435 and 436.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

Sections 76(1) and 77

**SPECIFIED LAWS**

1. The Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act 1958 — Any offence under the Act.
2. The National Registration Act 1965 — Any offence under any regulations made under the Act.
3. The Railways Act 1905 — Any offence under any of the following sections: 83, 86 and 87.
4. The Sedition Act 1948 — Any offence under the Act.
5. The Societies Act 1966 — Any offence under any of the following sections: 14, 15 and 23.
6. Any abetment of or attempt to commit any offence specified in this Schedule.

**THIRD SCHEDULE**

Section 8(3)

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

1. Water services.
2. Electricity services.
3. Public health services.
4. Fire services.
5. Prison services.
6. Postal services.
7. Telephone services.

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

8. Telegraph services.
9. Radiocommunication services, including broadcasting and television services.
10. Port, dock and harbour services and undertakings.
11. Public transport services by land, sea or air.
12. Bulk distribution of fuel and lubricants.

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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Commencement	:	1 August 1960
Application	:	16 September 1963 (except sections 8(1) and (2))

*Note: The Malaysian Internal Security Act 1960 (No. 18/60) was extended to Singapore on 16 September 1963 when Singapore became a component part of Malaysia — see the Modification of Laws (Internal Security and Public Order) (Singapore) Order, 1963 (L.N. 231/1963 (G.N. Sp. No. S 4/1963)). The preambles to that Act are reproduced in this Act in their entirety.*

#### **2. L.N. 231/1963 (G.N. Sp. No. S 4/1963) — Modification of Laws (Internal Security and Public Order) (Singapore) Order, 1963**

Commencement	:	16 September 1963
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*Note: This Order extended the Federation of Malaya Internal Security Act, 1960 (M. Act 18 of 1960) in part to Singapore, with modifications.*

#### **3. L.N. 271/1963 (G.N. Sp. No. S 17/1963) — Modification of Laws (Internal Security and Public Order) (Singapore) (No. 3) Order, 1963**

Commencement	:	16 September 1963
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#### **4. L.N. 284/1963 — Modification of Laws (Internal Security Act, 1960) Order, 1963**

Commencement	:	24 October 1963
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#### **5. M. Act 20 of 1964 — Internal Security (Amendment) Act, 1964**

Commencement	:	30 July 1964
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**6. L.N. 335/1964 (G.N. Sp. S 174/1964) — Emergency (Internal Security and Detention Orders) Regulations, 1964**

Commencement : 30 September 1964 (regulation 4)  
20 October 1964 (except regulation 4)

**7. L.N. 334/1964 (G.N. Sp. No. S 173/1964) — Modification of Laws (Internal Security Act, 1960) Order, 1964**

Commencement : 15 October 1964

**8. L.N. 69/1965 (G.N. Sp. No. S 30/1965) — Modification of Laws (Internal Security Act, 1960) (Amendment) Order, 1965**

Commencement : 15 October 1964

**9. L.N. 110/1965 — Emergency (Internal Security and Detention Orders) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965**

Commencement : 20 October 1964

**10. 1970 Revised Edition — Internal Security Act (Chapter 115)**

Operation : 15 April 1971

**11. Act 21 of 1973 — Statutes of the Republic of Singapore (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 1973**

(Amendments made by section 2 read with the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 16/1973

First Reading : 7 March 1973

Second and Third Readings : 20 March 1973

Commencement : 6 April 1973 (section 2 read with the Schedule)

**12. 1985 Revised Edition — Internal Security Act (Chapter 143)**

Operation : 30 March 1987

**13. Act 2 of 1989 — Internal Security (Amendment) Act 1989**

Bill : 10/1989

First Reading : 16 January 1989

Second Reading : 25 January 1989

Notice of Amendments : 25 January 1989

Third Reading : 25 January 1989

Commencement : 30 January 1989

**14. Act 11 of 1991 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1991**

(Amendments made by section 2 read with item (13) of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 4/1991  
 First Reading : 3 January 1991  
 Second Reading : 14 January 1991  
 Notice of Amendments : 14 January 1991  
 Third Reading : 14 January 1991  
 Commencement : 30 November 1991 (section 2 read with item (13) of the Schedule)

**15. Act 2 of 1994 — Judicial Committee (Repeal) Act 1994**

(Amendments made by section 3 read with item (3) of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 2/1994  
 First Reading : 17 January 1994  
 Second and Third Readings : 23 February 1994  
 Commencement : 8 April 1994 (section 3 read with item (3) of the Schedule)

**16. Act 42 of 2005 — Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Act 2005**

(Amendments made by section 6 read with item (9) of the Fourth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 30/2005  
 First Reading : 17 October 2005  
 Second and Third Readings : 21 November 2005  
 Commencement : 1 January 2006 (section 6 read with item (9) of the Fourth Schedule)

**17. Act 15 of 2010 — Criminal Procedure Code 2010**

(Amendments made by section 430 read with item 53 of the Sixth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 11/2010  
 First Reading : 26 April 2010  
 Second Reading : 18 May 2010  
 Third Reading : 19 May 2010

- Commencement : 2 January 2011 (section 430 read with item 53 of the Sixth Schedule)
- 18. Act 41 of 2017 — Infrastructure Protection Act 2017**  
(Amendments made by section 86(3) of the above Act)
- Bill : 32/2017
- First Reading : 11 September 2017
- Second and Third Readings : 2 October 2017
- Commencement : 18 December 2018 (section 86(3))
- 19. Act 15 of 2019 — Criminal Law Reform Act 2019**  
(Amendments made by section 177 of the above Act)
- Bill : 6/2019
- First Reading : 11 February 2019
- Second Reading : 6 May 2019
- Notice of Amendments : 6 May 2019
- Third Reading : 6 May 2019
- Commencement : 1 January 2020 (section 177)
- 20. Act 40 of 2019 — Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act 2019**  
(Amendments made by section 28(1) read with item 76 of the Schedule to the above Act)
- Bill : 32/2019
- First Reading : 7 October 2019
- Second Reading : 5 November 2019
- Notice of Amendments : 5 November 2019
- Third Reading : 5 November 2019
- Commencement : 2 January 2021 (section 28(1) read with item 76 of the Schedule)
- 21. 2020 Revised Edition — Internal Security Act 1960**
- Operation : 31 December 2021
- 22. Act 25 of 2021 — Courts (Civil and Criminal Justice) Reform Act 2021**  
(Amendments made by)
- Bill : 18/2021
- First Reading : 26 July 2021

Second and Third Readings : 14 September 2021

Commencement : 1 April 2022

**23. Act 26 of 2022 — Registration of Criminals (Amendment) Act 2022**  
(Amendments made by the above Act)

Bill : 19/2022

First Reading : 1 August 2022

Second and Third Readings : 12 September 2022

Commencement : 12 June 2023

### Abbreviations

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G.N.	Gazette Notification
G.N. Sp.	Gazette Notification (Special Supplement)
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian)
M.	Malaya/Malaysia (including Federated Malay States, Malayan Union, Federation of Malaya and Federation of Malaysia)
Parl.	Parliament
S	Subsidiary Legislation
S.I.	Statutory Instrument (United Kingdom)
S (N.S.)	Subsidiary Legislation (New Series)
S.S.G.G.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette
S.S.G.G. (E)	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary)