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SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE ACT (CHAPTER 322)

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (TRANSFER OF SPECIFIED PROCEEDINGS TO DISTRICT COURT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28A of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, the Chief Justice makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Specified Proceedings to District Court) (Amendment) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 2 January 2021.

Amendment of paragraph 2

- 2.—(1) In the heading of paragraph 2 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Transfer of Specified Proceedings to District Court) Order 2016 (G.N. No. S 597/2016) (called in this Order the principal Order), after "Proceedings", insert "commenced in High Court before 2 January 2021".
- (2) In paragraph 2 of the principal Order, after "1 December 2016", insert "but before 2 January 2021".

New paragraph 2A

3. After paragraph 2 of the principal Order, insert —

"Proceedings commenced in General Division transferred to District Court

2A. The following proceedings commenced in the General Division are transferred for hearing and determination by a District Court:

- (a) any action arising out of an accident on land due to a collision or an apprehended collision involving one or more motor vehicles (whether or not involving any claim for personal injuries), where the amount claimed in the action does not exceed \$500,000;
- (b) any action for personal injuries arising out of an industrial accident, where the amount claimed in the action does not exceed \$500,000.".

Amendment of paragraph 3

4. In paragraph 3 of the principal Order, after "paragraph 2", insert "or 2A".

Amendment of paragraph 5

- **5.**—(1) In paragraph 5(1) of the principal Order, replace "High Court" with "General Division".
- (2) In paragraph 5 of the principal Order, replace sub-paragraph (2) with
 - "(2) Leave is required before an appeal may be brought against a decision of the General Division in respect of any appeal heard and determined by the General Division under sub-paragraph (1), regardless of the amount in dispute or the value of the subject matter.
 - (2A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2), leave must be obtained from the court to which the appeal is to be made under section 29C of the Act.".
- (3) In paragraph 5(3) of the principal Order, delete "of a Judge of the High Court".
- (4) In paragraph 5(4) of the principal Order, replace "High Court and, after that, to the Court of Appeal" with "General Division and, after that, to the Appellate Division or the Court of Appeal".

Made on 18 December 2020.

SUNDARESH MENON Chief Justice, Singapore.

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