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COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT (CHAPTER 49)

COMMON GAMING HOUSES (EXEMPTION) NOTIFICATION 2019

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph

- 1. Citation
- 2. Exemption The Schedule

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

Citation

1. This Notification is the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) Notification 2019.

Exemption

- **2.**—(1) The Minister exempts "The Serangoon" Community Club Management Committee (called in this Notification the organiser) from the provisions of the Act in respect of
 - (a) "The Serangoon Mahjong Challenge 2019" promotion to be held from 20 February 2019 to 31 March 2019 (both dates inclusive); and
 - (b) the mahjong games to be held at the multi-purpose hall of "The Serangoon" Community Club from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 31 March 2019.

(2) The exemption is subject to compliance by the organiser with the conditions specified in the Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 2

CONDITIONS

- 1. The only game played must be mahjong.
- 2. All players must be at least 21 years of age and residing in such area within the Aljunied Group Representation Constituency as is designated by the organiser to be the Serangoon district.
- 3. All spectators and staff must be at least 21 years of age.
- 4. Prize sponsors must not be involved in any business related to gambling.
- 5. Advertising for the mahjong competition must be confined to posters and banners displayed within the Serangoon district.
- 6. The organiser may charge an entrance fee of \$8 per player or \$20 per team of 4 players to cover the cost of hosting the mahjong competition, less the value of the prizes.
- 7. Token prizes can be allowed in recognition of the skills shown by the winners.
- 8. The organiser must ensure that the rules of the game are explained clearly to all players before the start of the event.
- 9. The organiser must deploy umpires on site to referee the event and resolve any disputes.
- 10. The mahjong activities must be held indoors at the multi-purpose hall of "The Serangoon" Community Club.
- 11. The organiser must ensure that all doors to the multi-purpose hall of "The Serangoon" Community Club are closed during the event so as to minimise noise from the event.
- 12. The organiser must open up the premises for spot-checks by the police during the event.

THE SCHEDULE — continued

13. The organiser must take all reasonable steps to ensure that there are no private deals or side-betting throughout the event.

Made on 18 February 2019.

PANG KIN KEONG Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore.

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