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### IMMIGRATION ACT (CHAPTER 133)

#### IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 55(1) of the Immigration Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and come into operation on 1 April 2015.

#### **Amendment of regulation 12**

2. Regulation 12 of the Immigration Regulations (Rg 1) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) Despite paragraph (1), the Controller may issue a visit pass, valid for such period as the Controller may determine but in any event not exceeding 90 days, to a prohibited immigrant referred to in section 8(3)(ba) of the Act (in these Regulations called an exempt prohibited immigrant) where the exempt prohibited immigrant satisfies the Controller that he wishes to enter Singapore for any of the purposes referred to in that paragraph.”;

(b) by deleting the words “any person (other than a prohibited immigrant)” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “an exempt prohibited immigrant or a person who is not any other prohibited immigrant”; and

(c) by deleting paragraph (6A) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(6A) The Controller may extend, on more than one occasion, the validity of any visit pass to such date as the Controller may specify but not to exceed, adding the initial period and all extensions, an aggregate period as follows:

- (a) for a visit pass issued under paragraph (1A) to an exempt prohibited immigrant, 90 days beginning on the date on which the visit pass was first issued under that paragraph; and
- (b) for any other visit pass, 5 years after the date which, but for the extension, would be the last date on which the visit pass is valid.

(6B) The Controller may impose such further conditions for the extension under paragraph (6A) as the Controller may determine.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 13**

3. Regulation 13 of the Immigration Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “any person” in paragraph (1), the words “referred to in paragraph (1A)”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) For the purpose of paragraph (1), the Controller may issue a transit pass to —

- (a) an exempt prohibited immigrant; or
- (b) a person who is not any other prohibited immigrant.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 16**

4. Regulation 16(1) of the Immigration Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “in Singapore”, the words

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“, who is either an exempt prohibited immigrant or a person who is not any other prohibited immigrant”.

**Amendment of regulation 17**

5. Regulation 17 of the Immigration Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “The” and substituting the words “Subject to paragraph (2), the”; and

(b) by renumbering the regulation as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) The Controller must not cancel a pass under paragraph (1) by reason only that the holder of the pass is an exempt prohibited immigrant.”.

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