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### ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1987

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (PUBLIC CLEANSING) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Environmental Public Health Act 1987, the National Environment Agency, with the approval of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2024 and come into operation on 1 April 2024.

#### **New regulation 24A**

2. In the Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) Regulations (Rg 3) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations), after regulation 24, insert —

##### **“Late payment of refuse disposal fees**

**24A.**—(1) If any fee payable under regulation 24(1)(c) is not paid in full by the date on which payment is due, the higher of the following amounts is payable:

- (a) an amount equal to simple interest, at the rate of 4.5%-point above the 3-month compounded SORA, on the amount of the fee outstanding for the period mentioned in paragraph (2);
- (b) \$2 for each month or part of a month during which the fee or part of the fee remains unpaid.

(2) The period on which the interest in paragraph (1)(a) is to be levied —

(a) starts from the date the payment of the fee or part of it is in arrears; and

(b) ends on the date the payment is fully made.

(3) In this regulation —

“3-month compounded SORA”, in relation to a period, means —

(a) if the period or a part of the period falls within the 6-month period beginning on 1 April of a calendar year, then, for the period or the part (as the case may be) — the compounded average of the SORA values for a 3-month period computed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore using the prescribed methodology, and published —

(i) on its Internet website at <http://www.mas.gov.sg>; or

(ii) where the website is unavailable to the public, in any other form that is readily accessible by the public,

on either of the following days:

(iii) if 1 March of that calendar year is a business day — that day;

(iv) if 1 March of that calendar year is not a business day — the last business day in February of that calendar year; or

(b) if the period or a part of the period falls within the 6-month period beginning on 1 October of a calendar year, then, for the period or the part (as the case may be) — the compounded average of the SORA values for a 3-month period computed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore using the prescribed methodology, and published —

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- (i) on its Internet website at <http://www.mas.gov.sg>; or
  - (ii) where the website is unavailable to the public, in any other form that is readily accessible by the public,
- on either of the following days:
- (iii) if 1 September of that calendar year is a business day — that day;
  - (iv) if 1 September of that calendar year is not a business day — the last business day in August of that calendar year;

“business day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;

“prescribed methodology” means the methodology set out in the document called “Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average Index (“SORA Index”), Compounded SORA and MAS Floating Rate Notes (“MAS FRN”): A User Guide” dated 16 March 2021;

“Singapore Overnight Rate Average” or “SORA” means the volume-weighted average rate of borrowing transactions in the unsecured overnight interbank Singapore dollar cash market in Singapore between 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m., as published by the Monetary Authority of Singapore —

- (a) on its Internet website at <http://www.mas.gov.sg>; or
- (b) where the website is unavailable to the public, in any other form that is readily accessible by the public.”.

### **Replacement of regulation 28**

3. In the principal Regulations, replace regulation 28 with —

### **“Fees for collection and removal of refuse**

**28.**—(1) The fees for the collection and removal of refuse are specified in the Second Schedule in respect of the corresponding location and type of premises specified in that Schedule.

(2) The fees payable under paragraph (1) in respect of any premises are to be paid to the respective public waste collector licensee specified for those premises in the Second Schedule.

(3) If any fee payable under paragraph (1) is not paid in full in accordance with a bill sent to the person liable to pay the fee, and a reminder has been sent to that person, a late payment charge, equal to 1% of the amount remaining unpaid at the time of the issue of the next monthly bill sent to that person, is payable by that person to the public waste collector licensee.”.

### **Amendment of First Schedule**

**4.** In the principal Regulations, in the First Schedule, replace the Schedule reference with —

“Regulation 24(1) and (2)”.

### **Amendment of Second Schedule**

**5.** In the principal Regulations, in the Second Schedule, in the Schedule reference, replace “(1A)” with “(2)”.

*[G.N. Nos. S 221/2000; S 49/2001; S 176/2001; S 244/2001; S 287/2001; S 316/2001; S 359/2001; S 360/2001; S 199/2002; S 377/2004; S 639/2004; S 589/2005; S 168/2006; S 500/2006; S 712/2006; S 17/2009; S 405/2009; S 402/2010; S 554/2010; S 596/2011; S 300/2012; S 165/2013; S 626/2013; S 367/2014; S 794/2014; S 799/2014; S 162/2015; S 379/2016; S 620/2016; S 111/2017; S 220/2018; S 394/2018; S 172/2019; S 173/2020; S 975/2020; S 189/2021; S 381/2021; S 698/2021; S 971/2021; S 991/2022; S 137/2023; S 443/2023; S 942/2023; S 65/2024; S 234/2024]*

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