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BROADCASTING ACT (CHAPTER 28)

BROADCASTING (CLASS LICENCE) (AMENDMENT) NOTIFICATION 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9 and 11 of the Broadcasting Act, the Media Development Authority of Singapore hereby makes the following Notification:

Citation and commencement

1. This Notification may be cited as the Broadcasting (Class Licence) (Amendment) Notification 2013 and shall come into operation on 1st June 2013.

Amendment of paragraph 3

2. Paragraph 3 of the Broadcasting (Class Licence) Notification (N 1) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words "a class licence", the words ", except a computer on-line service provided on or after such date as the Authority specifies in a notice given to the provider of the service under paragraph 3A".

New paragraph 3A

3. The Broadcasting (Class Licence) Notification is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph 3, the following paragraph:

"Exclusion from class licence

3A.—(1) A notice may be given by the Authority to any person who provides a computer on-line service in or from Singapore, whether for payment or free, and whether at regular intervals or otherwise —

- (a) that is accessed from at least 50,000 different Internet protocol addresses in Singapore per month on average, over any period of 2 consecutive months; and
- (b) that contains at least one Singapore news programme per week on average, over the same period of 2 consecutive months referred to in sub-paragraph (a),

and that notice shall not cease to have effect by reason only that the computer on-line service concerned ceases subsequently to satisfy sub-paragraph (a) or (b) during the validity of any broadcasting licence under section 8 of the Act relating to that service.

- (2) For the purposes of reckoning access and content under sub-paragraph (1)(a) and (b)
 - (a) where a computer on-line service is provided by a web site with a domain and one or more sub-domains, all sub-domains shall be regarded as part of the domain of the web site; and
 - (b) where a computer on-line service is provided by a web site in or from Singapore (referred to in this sub-paragraph as the original web site) which is duplicated on or transferred to one or more other web sites in or from Singapore (referred to in this sub-paragraph as the mirrored web site), all mirrored web sites shall be regarded as part of the original web site.
- (3) In this paragraph, "Singapore news programme" means any programme (whether or not the programme is presenter-based and whether or not the programme is provided by a third party) containing any news, intelligence, report of occurrence, or any matter of public interest, about any social, economic, political, cultural, artistic, sporting, scientific or any other aspect of Singapore in any language (whether paid or free and whether at regular intervals or otherwise) but does not include any programme produced by or on behalf of the Government."

Made this 29th day of May 2013.

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