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MAINTENANCE OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY ACT 1990

MAINTENANCE OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY (DONATION REPORTING AND FOREIGN INFLUENCE DISCLOSURE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act 1990, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Donation Reporting and Foreign Influence Disclosure) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 and come into operation on 8 February 2023.

Amendment of regulation 5

2. In regulation 5 of the Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Donation Reporting and Foreign Influence Disclosure) Regulations 2022 (G.N. No. S 862/2022), after paragraph (2), insert —

“(3) For the purposes of section 16A(3) of the Act, a religious group that is incorporated, registered or otherwise formed on or before 31 December 2022, must give to a competent authority, no later than 1 April 2024, a donation report, and its accompanying declaration under section 16A(4) of the Act, respecting reportable donations it accepted during each of the following reporting periods:

(a) the initial reporting period —

- (i) starting 1 November 2022 and ending on (and including) 31 December 2022, unless sub-paragraph (ii) applies; or

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- (ii) starting on the day the religious group is incorporated, registered or formed (being after 1 November 2022), and ending on (and including) 31 December 2022;
 - (b) the reporting period starting 1 January 2023 and ending on (and including) 31 December 2023.”.

Amendment of regulation 6

3. In regulation 6 of the Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Donation Reporting and Foreign Influence Disclosure) Regulations 2022, after paragraph (2), insert —

“(3) For the purposes of section 16B(3) of the Act, a religious group that is incorporated, registered or otherwise formed on or before 31 December 2022, must give to a competent authority, no later than 1 April 2024, a foreign affiliations report relating to each of the following reporting periods:

- (a) the initial reporting period —
 - (i) starting 1 November 2022 and ending on (and including) 31 December 2022, unless sub-paragraph (ii) applies; or
 - (ii) starting on the day the religious group is incorporated, registered or formed (being after 1 November 2022), and ending on (and including) 31 December 2022;
- (b) the reporting period starting 1 January 2023 and ending on (and including) 31 December 2023.”.

Made on 3 February 2023.

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