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**WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT
(CHAPTER 354A)**

**WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH (FIRST-AID)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 65 of the Workplace Safety and Health Act, the Minister for Manpower hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Workplace Safety and Health (First-Aid) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 and shall come into operation on 10th September 2011.

Deletion and substitution of regulations 2 and 3

2. Regulations 2 and 3 of the Workplace Safety and Health (First-Aid) Regulations (Rg 4) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) are deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

“Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“dentist” means a registered dentist under the Dental Registration Act (Cap. 76) who has in force a practising certificate issued under that Act;

“first-aid” means —

- (a) in cases where a person needs help from a medical practitioner or nurse, treatment for the purpose of preserving life and minimising the consequences of bodily injury until such help is obtained; or
- (b) treatment of minor bodily injury which does not require treatment by a medical practitioner or nurse;

“hospital” means any premises used or intended to be used for the reception, lodging, treatment and care of persons who require medical treatment or care or who suffer from any disease, injury or disability of mind or body, and includes a maternity home and a nursing home;

“medical clinic” means any premises used or intended to be used by a medical practitioner, a dentist or any other person —

(a) for the diagnosis or treatment of persons suffering from, or believed to be suffering from, any disease, injury or disability of mind or body; or

(b) for curing or alleviating any abnormal condition of the human body by the application of any apparatus, equipment, instrument or device requiring the use of electricity, heat or light,

but does not include a hospital;

“medical practitioner” means a registered medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174) who has in force a practising certificate issued under that Act.

Application

3. These Regulations shall not apply to —

(a) any hospital; and

(b) any medical clinic.”.

Amendment of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(1) Every workplace shall be provided with a sufficient number of first-aid boxes.

(2) Where a workplace is located in a building, each floor of the building shall be provided with a sufficient number of first-aid boxes.

(3) Every first-aid box provided in a workplace shall —

(a) be adequately equipped;

(b) be properly maintained;

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- (c) be checked frequently to ensure that it is adequately equipped and that all the items in it are usable;
 - (d) be clearly identified as a first-aid box;
 - (e) be placed in a location that is well-lit and accessible; and
 - (f) be under the charge of a person appointed by the occupier of the workplace.”.

Amendment of regulation 5

4. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “specified in the Second Schedule for that type of workplace” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “of one first-aider for every 100 persons employed in the workplace or part thereof”;
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(a) have successfully completed a training course acceptable to the Commissioner; and”;
- (c) by deleting the words “the Second Schedule for that type of workplace” in paragraph (3) and substituting the words “paragraph (1)”.

Deletion of First and Second Schedules

5. The First and Second Schedules to the principal Regulations are deleted.

Made this 8th day of September 2011.

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