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## **No. S 54**

### **FILMS ACT 1981**

#### **FILMS (ELECTION CAMPAIGN RECORDINGS — EXEMPTION) (AMENDMENT) NOTIFICATION 2025**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(2) of the Films Act 1981, the Minister for Digital Development and Information makes the following Notification:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.—**(1) This Notification is the Films (Election Campaign Recordings — Exemption) (Amendment) Notification 2025 and, except for paragraph 3, comes into operation on 22 January 2025.

(2) Paragraph 3 is deemed to have come into operation on 31 December 2021.

#### **Amendment of paragraph 2**

**2.** In the Films (Election Campaign Recordings — Exemption) Notification 2011 (G.N. No. S 133/2011), in paragraph 2 —

- (a) in the definition of “distribute”, in paragraph (b), replace “, within the meaning of the Parliamentary Elections (Election Advertising) Regulations (Rg 3),” with a semi-colon;
- (b) in the definition of “distribute”, delete “and “distribution” shall be construed accordingly;”;
- (c) after the definition of “election period”, insert —
  - ““electronic media application” includes —
    - (a) any banner, logo or small icon that is capable of being posted on any social networking service, micro-blog,

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website or other form of electronic media; or

- (b) any other software or programme used in connection with a computer or other electronic device and which may be used for communicating or transmitting advertising among users in any format,

such as but not limited to digital banners, RSS feed readers, widgets, mobile applications and other instant messaging software or programmes;”;

- (d) in the definition of “exhibit”, in paragraph (b), replace the comma at the end with a semi-colon;

- (e) in the definition of “exhibit”, delete “and “exhibition” shall be construed accordingly;”;

- (f) after the definition of “exhibit”, insert —

““micro-blog” means a web service that allows a user to post and send a short text message (ordinarily not exceeding 140 characters) that can be viewed by a selected group of persons or by anyone who uses the web service;

“MMS service” means a system that enables the transmission of visual communication, voice communication or electronic mail from a digital mobile telephone —

- (a) to another digital mobile telephone;  
or

- (b) to an electronic mail address,

but does not include a message sent by micro-blog;”;

- (g) in the definition of “modification”, replace the full-stop at the end with a semi-colon; and

(h) after the definition of “modification”, insert —

““SMS service” means a system that enables the transmission of short text messages from a digital mobile telephone to another digital mobile telephone;

“social networking service” means any online website or web service that —

(a) allows users to create webpages or profiles providing information that can be viewed in whole or in part by other users; and

(b) enables or supports multiple-user digital communication, connection, social interaction or related activities.”.

### **Miscellaneous amendments**

**3. In the Films (Election Campaign Recordings — Exemption) Notification 2011 —**

(a) in the following provisions, replace “(Cap. 218)” with “1954”:

Paragraph 2, definitions of “candidate”, “election”, “election agent”, “group” and “political party”

Paragraph 2, paragraph (a) of the definition of “election period”

Paragraph 5

Paragraph 6

Paragraph 8(b);

(b) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “distribute”, in paragraph (b), delete “Cap. 218,”; and

(c) in paragraph 2, in the definition of “exhibit”, in paragraph (b), delete “(Act 15 of 2009)”.

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