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**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 257)**

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS  
(SPECIFIED ARTS ENTERTAINMENT) (EXEMPTION)  
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2019**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16A of the Public Entertainments Act, the Minister for Communications and Information makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Specified Arts Entertainment) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2019 and comes into operation on 1 September 2019.

**Amendment of paragraph 1**

2. Paragraph 1 of the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Specified Arts Entertainment) (Exemption) Order 2005 (G.N. No. S 319/2005) (called in this Order the principal Order) is amended by deleting the words “and Meetings”.

**Amendment of paragraph 2**

3. Paragraph 2 of the principal Order is amended by deleting the words “and Meetings” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “specified arts entertainment”.

**Amendment of paragraph 3**

4. Paragraph 3 of the principal Order is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “the provisions” and substituting the words “section 3”;
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (ii) of sub-paragraph (a) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

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“(ii) is likely to cause offence to any racial or religious group in Singapore;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (iii) of sub-paragraph (a), the following sub-paragraphs:

“(iv) is lewd or obscene;

(v) depicts or describes any sexual matter, alternative sexual lifestyle (including homosexuality or transgenderism) or sexually permissive lifestyle;

(vi) depicts or describes any unlawful activity or anything that may, directly or indirectly, promote any unlawful activity, gambling or drug abuse;

(vii) depicts or describes any act of torture, cruelty or violence;

(viii) is directed towards a political end; or

(ix) is likely to undermine national interest;”;

(d) by deleting sub-paragraphs (b) and (c);

(e) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of sub-paragraph (f);

(f) by inserting, immediately before the words “Licensing Officer” in sub-paragraph (f)(ii), the words “Arts Entertainment”;

(g) by deleting “2” in sub-paragraph (f)(iii) and substituting “4”; and

(h) by renumbering the paragraph as sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraphs:

“(2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a specified arts entertainment provided —

(a) in combination with any other public entertainment which is not a specified arts entertainment; or

(b) in a specified establishment.

(3) Sub-paragraph (1)(f) does not apply to a specified arts entertainment in paragraph 9 of the Schedule which —

(a) is not provided in combination with any other specified arts entertainment; and

(b) does not involve the use of any equipment for the projection, transmission or reproduction of sound.”.

### **Amendment of Schedule**

5. The Schedule to the principal Order is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the words “art objects” in paragraph 9, the word “, drawings”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph 9, the following paragraph:

“10. Any display or exhibition using real-time transmission of the performance, display or exhibition happening elsewhere (whether in or outside Singapore and whether in a public or private place) of any specified arts entertainment, or any combination of specified arts entertainments, in paragraphs 1 to 9 of this Schedule.”.

*[G.N. No. S 476/2015]*

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