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NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT 1965

NATIONAL REGISTRATION
(AMENDMENT NO. 2)
REGULATIONS 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 33 of the National Registration Act 1965, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the National Registration (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 and come into operation on 8 July 2022.

Amendment of regulation 17

2. In regulation 17 of the National Registration Regulations (Rg 2) —

(a) after paragraph (3), insert —

“(3A) Paragraph (3) does not apply if all of the following conditions are fulfilled by the owner, manager or other person in charge of the hotel, boarding house, hostel or other like dwelling place, or any person employed to work at such dwelling place, or any combination of such persons:

(a) before the person seeking accommodation is allowed to occupy a room, all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure that the person’s physical facial features match his or her photograph in his or her passport;

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- (b) before the person seeking accommodation is allowed to occupy a room, all of the following information is submitted to the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority through the EVA System:
- (i) the following particulars as stated in the person's passport that is presented at the point of the person's check-in:
 - (A) the person's full name;
 - (B) the person's nationality;
 - (C) the document number assigned to the passport;
 - (D) the person's date of birth;
 - (E) the person's gender;
 - (ii) the accommodation booking identification number of the person's booking of the room at the hotel, boarding house, hostel or other like dwelling place;
 - (iii) where the room is in a hotel under the Hotels Act 1954, the licence number of the licence granted in respect of the hotel by the Hotels Licensing Board established under section 3(1) of that Act;
 - (iv) the date of the person's check-in at the hotel, boarding house, hostel or other like dwelling place;
 - (v) the date on which the person is expected to check out;

(c) within 24 hours of allowing the person to occupy a room, the following 3 images are submitted to the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority through the EVA System:

- (i) a digitally scanned copy of the full page in the person's passport containing the person's biodata;
- (ii) a photograph of the person's face taken at the point of the person's check-in, that complies with the specifications specified in paragraph (3E);
- (iii) either of the following:
 - (A) where the person's passport is an electronic machine-readable passport containing an electronic microchip — the image of the person extracted from the electronic microchip;
 - (B) where the person's passport is not an electronic machine-readable passport containing an electronic microchip — a digitally scanned copy of the person's photograph in his or her passport.

(3B) For the purpose of paragraph (3A)(a), the use of any facial recognition technology to ascertain whether a person's physical facial features match his or her photograph in his or her passport does not of itself constitute taking all reasonable steps unless the facial recognition technology —

(a) is used at the hotel, boarding house, hostel or other like dwelling place as part of the check-in process for the person; and

(b) only incorrectly matches a person's physical facial features to his or her photograph in his or her passport in no more than one out of every 200 persons.

(3C) For the purpose of paragraph (3A)(a), (b)(i) and (c)(i) and (iii), the same passport must be used for all the steps mentioned in those provisions.

(3D) For the purpose of paragraph (3A)(b) and (c)(ii), the check-in must take place within the premises of the hotel, boarding house, hostel or other like dwelling place at which the person is seeking accommodation.

(3E) The specifications for a photograph under paragraph (3A)(c)(ii) are as follows:

- (a) the photograph must be in colour;
- (b) the photograph must be in sharp focus and clear with no ink marks or creases;
- (c) the photograph must provide a full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders;
- (d) no part of the person's face must be obstructed by any hair;
- (e) the photograph must not show the person wearing any sunglasses;
- (f) the photograph must show the person looking directly at the camera, with eyes open and clearly visible;
- (g) the photograph must show the person's facial features in their entirety;

(h) the photograph must not show the person wearing any hat or other head covering, other than a hat or head covering which the person habitually wears for religious reasons or due to custom, and where such hat or head covering is worn, the photograph must still provide a full frontal view of the person's head and shoulders, showing the person's facial features in their entirety with his or her eyes open and clearly visible, and both edges of the person's face must be clear.”; and

(b) after paragraph (4), insert —

“(5) In this regulation, a reference to a person employed to work at a hotel, boarding house, hostel or other like dwelling place, includes a person who is engaged to work at such hotel, boarding house, hostel or other like dwelling place under a contract for services.

(6) In this regulation, “EVA System” means the E-Visitor Authentication System owned by the Singapore Tourism Board.”.

[G.N. Nos. S 606/2000; S 526/2002; S 413/2006; S 556/2007; S 610/2008; S 40/2009; S 172/2015; S 701/2016; S 743/2017; S 847/2020; S 410/2022]

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