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## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT (CHAPTER 267)

## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Rules:

#### Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2014 and shall come into operation on 1 October 2014.

#### New rules 8A, 8B and 8C

**2.** The Registration of Births and Deaths Rules (R 1) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 8, the following rules:

## "General provisions for registration of particulars of parents of child under Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013

**8A.**—(1) This rule applies when it is brought to the Registrar-General's attention that the Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) applies to a child.

(2) The particulars of the parents of the child shall be registered or re-registered in Form A set out in the First Schedule, if the Registrar-General is satisfied of both of the following matters:

- (*a*) the parenthood of the child under the Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013;
- (b) the child was born in Singapore.

(4) The Registrar-General may refuse to register or re-register the particulars of the parents of a child under paragraph (2) if it has been brought to the Registrar-General's attention that there is a dispute as to the parenthood of the child under the Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013.

# **Registration after declaration of parenthood under Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013**

**8B.**—(1) This rule applies where a court makes an order under the Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) declaring the parenthood of a child.

(2) An application to the Registrar-General for the child to be registered or re-registered in accordance with the court order must be made within 3 months after the date of the court order.

- (3) The application under paragraph (2) may be made by
  - (a) any parent or guardian of the child;
  - (b) the person who applied for the court order; or
  - (c) the child, if the child is 21 years of age or older.

(4) The application under paragraph (2) must be in such form as the Registrar-General may specify, and must be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) the court order;

- (b) the original birth certificate (if any) of the child;
- (c) a copy of the identity card or other identification document of each parent of the child;
- (d) any other documents that the Registrar-General may require in any particular case.

(5) The Registrar-General shall register or re-register the birth of the child only if the court has determined, or the Registrar-General is satisfied, that the child was born in Singapore. (6) The particulars of the parents of the child shall be registered or re-registered in Form A set out in the First Schedule.

(7) In a re-registration under paragraph (6), the original entry in the register shall be erased.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (6) —

- (*a*) a man may be registered as the child's father even if the man was not the child's father at the time the child was born;
- (b) if the child has no father under the Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013, the child's surname, if any, shall be the surname of the child's mother; and
- (c) the child's name may be re-registered only to the extent that the child's name reflects the name or surname of a person who is not the child's parent.

## Legitimation of child under Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013

**8C.**—(1) If a child whose birth is registered under the Act is subsequently legitimated under section 11 of the Status of Children (Assisted Reproduction Technology) Act 2013 (Act 16 of 2013), an application may be made to the Registrar-General to re-register the name or surname of the child.

(2) The application under paragraph (1) may be made by —

(a) any parent of the child; or

(b) the child, if the child is 21 years of age or older.

(3) The application under paragraph (1) must be made within 3 months after the date on which the child is legitimated, or such longer time as the Registrar-General may allow.

(4) The application under paragraph (1) must be in such form as the Registrar-General may specify and must be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) the court order;

- (b) the original birth certificate of the child;
- (c) a copy of the identity card or other identification document of each parent of the child;
- (d) the marriage certificate of the child's parents;
- (e) any other documents that the Registrar-General may require in any particular case.

(5) The Registrar-General shall re-register the name or surname of the child only if the Registrar-General is satisfied that the child is legitimated.".

#### Amendment of Second Schedule

**3.** The Second Schedule to the Registration of Births and Deaths Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after item 9, the following items:

- " 10. For an application to register or \$18. re-register a child under rule 8B
  - 11. For an application to re-register a child under rule 8C that is made more than 3 months after the date of legitimation of the child

"; [G.N. Nos. S 164/2003; S 607/2011; S 63/2012; S 670/2012; S 626/2014]

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