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FIRE SAFETY ACT (CHAPTER 109A)

FIRE SAFETY (ALARM MONITORING SERVICES) REGULATIONS 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Fire Safety (Alarm Monitoring Services) Regulations 2020 and come into operation 14 September 2020.

Application fee

2. The application fee for the purposes of section 22I(1)(b)(ii) of the Act is \$239.

Criteria for fit and proper person

3. For the purposes of section 22J(4) of the Act, the criteria and requirements that the licensing officer may consider in determining whether an applicant is a fit and proper person include the following:

- (*a*) whether the applicant or any responsible officer of the applicant has been convicted of, or is the subject of investigations for having committed, an offence involving fraud or dishonesty;
- (b) whether the applicant or any responsible officer of the applicant has been convicted of an offence that involved a finding that the applicant or responsible officer had acted fraudulently or dishonestly;
- (c) whether the applicant or any responsible officer of the applicant is an undischarged bankrupt or has made an arrangement or a composition with any creditor.

Fee for member's attendance at building in absence of fire

4.—(1) A fee of \$175 is payable by a licensee for each instance one or more members attend at a building in respect of which the licensee provides alarm monitoring services —

- (*a*) to deploy any equipment or device for extinguishing, or protecting life and property from, any fire at the building; and
- (b) in response to a request made to the Commissioner for the attendance at the building.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply where there is a fire at the building at the time the member or members attend at the building.

(3) Where the fee in paragraph (1) is paid in respect of the attendance by a member or members at the building, no fee under item 6 of the Schedule to the Fees (Singapore Civil Defence Force) Order 2014 (G.N. No. S 582/2014) is payable in relation to the same attendance of that member or those members.

(4) In this regulation, "request" means the transmission, on a communication link, of a signal from an alarm system to the alarm monitoring network kept by the Force.

Notice of ceasing business

5.—(1) Where a licensee intends to stop providing alarm monitoring services from an alarm monitoring station, the licensee must notify the Commissioner and every affected subscriber of that fact no later than 2 months before the intended date of stopping the alarm monitoring services.

(2) A licensee who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(3) In this regulation, "affected subscriber", in relation to a licensee who intends to stop providing alarm monitoring services from an alarm monitoring station, means a person who has engaged the licensee to provide alarm monitoring services, which the licensee provides from that alarm monitoring station.

Made on 24 August 2020.

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Singapore.

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