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COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020 (ACT 14 OF 2020)

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS FOR TRADE UNIONS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Law makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Trade Unions) (Amendment) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 29 September 2020.

Deletion of paragraph 3

2. Paragraph 3 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Trade Unions) Order 2020 (G.N. No. S 323/2020) (called in this Order the principal Order) is deleted.

Amendment of paragraph 5

3. Paragraph 5(2) of the principal Order is amended by deleting the words “30 September 2020” and substituting the words “30 June 2021”.

Amendment of Schedule

4. The Schedule to the principal Order is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “30 September 2020” in the second paragraph in the second column of item 1 and substituting the words “31 December 2020”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the first paragraph in the second column of item 4, the following paragraphs:

“In addition to (but not in place of) post and electronic mail, a trade union may also provide for a member or delegate, before the meeting, to send to the chairman of the meeting the matters which the member or delegate wishes to raise at the meeting by such other electronic means as the trade union considers appropriate, and each such matter, if substantial and relevant and sent within a reasonable time before the meeting, is to be responded to at or before the meeting by electronic means.

To avoid doubt, in addition to (but not in place of) post and electronic mail, a trade union may provide for any matter to be raised by a member or delegate at a meeting and for the matter to be responded to at the meeting through real-time electronic communication such as video conferencing, tele-conferencing or live chat.”.

Made on 28 September 2020.

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Singapore.

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