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COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT (CHAPTER 49)

COMMON GAMING HOUSES (EXEMPTION) (NO. 40) NOTIFICATION 2015

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 24 of the Common Gaming Houses Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Notification:

Citation

1. This Notification may be cited as the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) (No. 40) Notification 2015.

Definition

- **2.** In this Notification, "organisers" means
 - (a) the Pek Kio Active Ageing Committee; and
 - (b) the Pek Kio Senior Citizens' Executive Committee.

Exemption

- **3.**—(1) The Minister exempts the organisers from the provisions of the Act in respect of
 - (a) the "Mahjong Competition" promotion to be held from 1 August 2015 to 6 September 2015 (both dates inclusive); and
 - (b) the mahigning games to be held at the multi-purpose hall of Tanglin Community Club from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 6 September 2015.
- (2) The exemption is subject to compliance by the organisers with the conditions specified in the Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 2

CONDITIONS

- 1. The only game played must be mahjong.
- 2. All players must be at least 50 years of age and residing in such area within the Moulmein-Kallang Group Representation Constituency as is designated by the organisers to be the Moulmein district.
- 3. All spectators and staff must be at least 21 years of age.
- 4. Prize sponsors must not be involved in any business related to gambling.
- 5. Advertising for the mahjong competition must be confined to posters and banners displayed within the Moulmein district.
- 6. The organisers may charge an entrance fee of \$5 to cover the cost of hosting the mahjong competition, less the value of the prizes.
- 7. Token prizes can be allowed in recognition of the skills shown by the winners.
- 8. The organisers must ensure that the rules of the game are explained clearly to all players before the start of the event.
- 9. The organisers must deploy umpires on site to referee the event and resolve any disputes.
- 10. The mahjong activities must be held indoors at the multi-purpose hall of Tanglin Community Club.

THE SCHEDULE — continued

- 11. The organisers must ensure that all doors to the multi-purpose hall of Tanglin Community Club are closed during the event so as to minimise noise from the event.
- 12. The organisers must open up the premises for spot-checks by the police during the event.
- 13. The organisers must take all reasonable steps to ensure that there are no private deals or side-betting throughout the event.

Made on 30 July 2015.

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