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COMMON GAMING HOUSES ACT (CHAPTER 49)

COMMON GAMING HOUSES (EXEMPTION) (NO. 53) NOTIFICATION 2014

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

Citation

1. This Notification may be cited as the Common Gaming Houses (Exemption) (No. 53) Notification 2014.

Definition

2. In this Notification, “organisers” means —
- (a) the Tanglin-Cairnhill Active Ageing Committee;
 - (b) the Buona Vista Active Ageing Committee;
 - (c) the Tanjong Pagar-Tiong Bahru Active Ageing Committee;
 - (d) the Queenstown Active Ageing Committee;
 - (e) the Kreta Ayer-Kim Seng Active Ageing Committee; and
 - (f) the Radin Mas Active Ageing Committee.

Exemption

3.—(1) The Minister hereby exempts the organisers from the provisions of the Act in respect of the “Tanjong Pagar GRC & Radin Mas SMC Mahjong Tournament 2014” promotion to be held from 1 September 2014 to 12 October 2014 and the mahjong games to be held on 12 October 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the multi-purpose hall of Henderson Community Club.

(2) The exemption is subject to compliance by the organisers with the conditions specified in the Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 3

CONDITIONS

1. The only game played must be mahjong.
2. All players must be at least 50 years of age and residing in the Tanjong Pagar Group Representation Constituency or the Radin Mas Constituency, and all spectators and staff must be at least 21 years of age.
3. Prize sponsors must not be involved in any business related to gambling.
4. Advertising for the mahjong competition must be confined to posters and banners displayed within such area within the Tanjong Pagar Group Representation Constituency and the Radin Mas Constituency.
5. The organisers may charge an entrance fee of \$5 to cover the cost of hosting the mahjong competition, less the value of the prizes.
6. Token prizes can be allowed in recognition of the skills shown by the winners.
7. The organisers must ensure that the rules of the game are explained clearly to all players before the start of the event.
8. The organisers must deploy umpires on site to referee the event and resolve any disputes.
9. The mahjong activities must be held indoors at the multi-purpose hall of Henderson Community Club.
10. The multi-purpose hall of Henderson Community Club must have adequate sound-proofing to minimise noise pollution.
11. The organisers must open up the premises for spot-checks by the police during the event.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

12. The organisers must take all reasonable steps to ensure that there are no private deals or side-betting throughout the event.

Made on 26 August 2014.

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Singapore.*

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