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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and period in force

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020.
 - (2) These Regulations are in force starting 7 April 2020.

[S 357/2020 wef 01/05/2020]

[S 428/2020 wef 02/06/2020]

Definitions

- **2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires "at work" includes any of the following:
 - (a) for the time being working;
 - (b) on a break when working;
 - (c) customarily working;

- "authorised service" means
 - (a) the provision of any goods or services by the Government or any public body in the exercise of its public functions; or
 - (b) the provision of any goods or services specified
 - (i) on the prescribed website; or
 - (ii) in a conditional permit mentioned in paragraph (c) of the definition of "permitted enterprise";
- "boarding premises" has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Foreign Employee Dormitories Act 2015;
- "business" includes
 - (a) a venture or concern in trade or commerce, whether or not conducted on a regular, repetitive or continuous basis; and
 - (b) any business, whether or not carried on for profit, and the fact that an unincorporated association provides services to its members does not prevent those services from being services provided in the course of business;
- "early childhood development centre" has the meaning given by section 2 of the Early Childhood Development Centres Act 2017;
- "Enterprise Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for domestic business policies;
- "movement control measure", in relation to an individual, means a requirement for the individual not to leave a place of accommodation because of —
 - (a) an order made under regulation 3(1) of the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Stay Orders) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 182/2020); or
 - (b) an order under section 15 or 17 of the Infectious Diseases Act 1976 relating to COVID-19;

"occupier" has the meaning given by section 4(1) of the Workplace Safety and Health Act 2006;

"permitted enterprise" means —

- (a) the Government or any public body;
- (b) a person who provides any goods or services specified on the prescribed website, in the course of business; or
- (c) a person who has a conditional permit from the Enterprise Minister authorising the person to provide goods or services in the course of business;

"permitted enterprise worker", in relation to a permitted enterprise —

- (a) means an employee of the permitted enterprise designated by his or her employer as a permitted enterprise worker; and
- (b) where the permitted enterprise is a principal, includes any individual as follows who is designated by the principal as a permitted enterprise worker:
 - (i) an individual who is a contractor or a subcontractor of the permitted enterprise;
 - (ii) an employee of a contractor or subcontractor in sub-paragraph (i),

where the contractor or subcontractor or employee (as the case may be) works under the direction of the permitted enterprise as to the manner in which the work is carried out;

"permitted premises" means any premises (with a unique street name and number or land parcel number), a motor vehicle used as a retail food and drinks establishment, or a vessel, where a permitted enterprise ordinarily carries on any business, undertaking or work connected with providing its authorised service, but excludes any other vehicle or aircraft;

- "place of residence" means any of the following in Singapore:
 - (a) any building that is used, constructed or adapted on a parcel of land solely for use for human habitation as a single dwelling on the land, and includes any garden or yard appurtenant to that building and within that same parcel of land;
 - (b) an apartment or a unit, or a flat or lot, in a subdivided building that is used, constructed or adapted as a complete and separate unit for the purpose of human habitation;
 - (c) a room in a specified accommodation or specified hostel for the accommodation of one or more guests or residents of the specified accommodation or the specified hostel;
 - (d) a room comprised in other boarding premises for the accommodation of one or more boarders or lodgers at those premises, but not a room with shared facilities such as a communal living room, bathroom, laundry or kitchen;
- "prescribed website" means the Internet website of the Government at https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/permittedlist/;
- "public body" means a body corporate established by a public Act for the purposes of a public function;
- "room" means any area within a building that is fully enclosed on all sides;
- "specified accommodation" means a hotel and any other similar building or boarding premises, not being a specified dormitory, specified hostel or public institution —
 - (a) in which persons are lodged for hire or reward of any kind (whether or not the cost of such hire or reward is paid for by such persons); and

- (b) where domestic service is provided by the owner, lessee, tenant, occupier or manager for the person so lodged;
- "specified dormitory" means any boarding premises that provides accommodation to 7 or more foreign employees and that is not a specified hostel;
- "specified hostel" means any premises providing accommodation for guests, on land approved for use as a backpackers' hostel, boarding house or guest house under the Planning Act 1998;

"specified school" means —

- (a) a school in receipt of grant-in-aid under the Education (Grant-in-Aid) Regulations (Rg 3);
- (b) a school specified in paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Compulsory Education (Exemption) Order (O 1);
- (c) a school specified in Part II of the Schedule to the Education Endowment and Savings Schemes (Edusave Pupils Fund) Regulations (Rg 1); or
- (d) any of the following universities:
 - (i) National University of Singapore;
 - (ii) Nanyang Technological University;
 - (iii) Singapore Institute of Technology;
 - (iv) Singapore Management University;
 - (v) Singapore University of Social Sciences;
 - (vi) Singapore University of Technology and Design;
- "subdivided building" means a multi-storey building consisting of 2 or more premises that is used or intended to be used as a complete and separate unit for the purpose of habitation or business or for any other purpose;

- "visitor", in relation to the permitted premises of a permitted enterprise, means an individual who has a lawful reason to enter or remain in those premises but is
 - (a) not a permitted enterprise worker of that permitted enterprise;
 - (b) not a customer of the permitted enterprise; and
 - (c) not a resident of the permitted premises that is a specified dormitory or a guest of the permitted premises that is specified accommodation or a specified hostel.

[S 177/2022 wef 15/03/2022]

Application

- **3.**—(1) These Regulations do not apply in relation to
 - (a) [Deleted by S 816/2020 wef 28/09/2020]
 - (b) a specified school; or
 - (c) any early childhood development centre licensed under the Early Childhood Development Centres Act 2017.

[S 816/2020 wef 28/09/2020]

- (2) These Regulations do not apply to prevent or restrict
 - (a) the Government or any public body doing or omitting to do anything in the performance of any function, the exercise of any power or the discharge of any duty of the Government or public body (as the case may be) under law; or
 - (b) any individual acting under the authority or direction of the Government or any public body in the performance of any function, the exercise of any power or the discharge of any duty of the Government or public body (as the case may be) under law.

[S 816/2020 wef 28/09/2020]

(3) Without limiting the meaning of "reasonable excuse" in section 34(7) of the Act, it is a reasonable excuse for a person doing or omitting to do any act in contravention of any provision of

these Regulations if the act is done or omitted to be done in good faith and for the purpose of complying with or giving effect to —

- (a) any other written law; or
- (b) any order or requirement of the Government or a public body, or an individual mentioned in paragraph (2)(b), given in the performance of any function, the exercise of any power or the discharge of any duty of the Government or public body (as the case may be) under law.

[S 816/2020 wef 28/09/2020]

PART 1A

[Deleted by S 177/2022 wef 15/03/2022]

PART 2

[Deleted by S 177/2022 wef 15/03/2022]

PART 3

NON-RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

[S 428/2020 wef 02/06/2020]

Closure of premises

- **9.**—(1) Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, an owner or occupier of any premises other than residential premises must ensure that the premises are closed to entry by any individual.
- (1A) Paragraph (1) does not apply where an individual enters the premises to carry out such works as are necessary to avoid any imminent injury or damage to property within the premises.

[S 262/2020 wef 10/04/2020]

(2) [Deleted by S 473/2020 wef 19/06/2020]

Permitted enterprise does not need to close

10. Regulation 9 does not prevent a permitted enterprise carrying on business, an undertaking or work at any permitted premises of the

permitted enterprise without closing those permitted premises to entry by any individual —

- (a) with the prior permission of the Enterprise Minister; and
- (b) in accordance with the restrictions for that type of business, undertaking or work specified on the prescribed website or any conditions imposed in the permission mentioned in paragraph (a).

[S 428/2020 wef 02/06/2020]

10AA. [Deleted by S 177/2022 wef 15/03/2022]

PART 3A PERMITTED ENTERPRISES

[Deleted by S 177/2022 wef 15/03/2022]

Division 2 — Safe management measures for workplace
[S 428/2020 wef 02/06/2020]

Application of this Division

13C. This Division does not affect —

- (a) any hospital, clinic or other healthcare institution or facility for the reception, lodging, treatment or care of individuals requiring medical treatment;
- (b) any premises exempted under paragraph 2 of the Workplace Safety and Health (Exemption) Order (Cap. 354A, O 1); and
- (c) any place of residence at which the business, undertaking or work of a permitted enterprise is being carried out.

[S 428/2020 wef 02/06/2020]

13D. [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]

13DA. [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]

Safe distancing measures, etc., for permitted enterprise workers

- **13E.**—(1) A permitted enterprise must implement the following measures in respect of every permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise when at work:
 - (a) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (aa) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (ab) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (b) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (c) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (d) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (da) [Deleted by S 524/2021 wef 19/07/2021]
 - (e) [Deleted by S 621/2021 wef 19/08/2021]
 - (f) [Deleted by S 621/2021 wef 19/08/2021]
 - (g) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (h) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (i) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (j) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
 - (k) have appropriate internal policies and procedures and adequate controls
 - (i) to monitor and ensure the compliance by the permitted enterprise and its permitted enterprise workers with the requirements in this Part and the Second Schedule:
 - (ii) to remedy without delay any instances of such noncompliance; and
 - (iii) to conduct an adequate analysis of the risks of COVID-19 infections arising from the permitted enterprise's business, undertaking or work and make recommendations to mitigate any risks identified to

the permitted enterprise which may include more stringent requirements than in these Regulations,

[S 238/2021 wef 05/04/2021]

including appointing at least one individual as a Safe Management Officer (with such assistants as may be needed) to effectively perform the duties mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii).

[S 428/2020 wef 02/06/2020] [S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]

- (l) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
- (2) [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
- (3) [Deleted by S 238/2021 wef 05/04/2021]
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- **13I.** [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
- **13J.** [Deleted by S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]
- **13K.** [Deleted by S 223/2022 wef 29/03/2022]

Application to sole proprietors, partners, etc.

- **13L.** Where a permitted enterprise is a sole proprietor or a partnership, a corporation or an unincorporated association (other than a partnership), this Division and the Second Schedule apply, with the necessary modifications, to each of the following individuals when at work, whether or not in the permitted premises of the permitted enterprise, as if he or she were a permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise:
 - (a) the sole proprietor and every partner of the partnership, whether or not he or she is also a visitor;
 - (b) every director, partner, chief executive, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the corporation, whether or not he or she is also a visitor or permitted enterprise worker;

(c) the president, the secretary, or any member of the committee of the unincorporated association, whether or not he or she is also a visitor or permitted enterprise worker.

[S 238/2021 wef 05/04/2021] [S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]

PART 4 MISCELLANEOUS

[S 261/2020 wef 09/04/2020]

Compoundable offences

- **14.**—(1) An offence under section 34(7) or 35(9) or (10) of the Act may be compounded by any of the following persons, in accordance with section 243(2), (4) and (5) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68):
 - (a) the Director of Medical Services;
 - (b) the Director-General of Public Health appointed under section 3(1) of the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95);
 - (c) the Director-General, Food Administration appointed under section 3(1) of the Sale of Food Act (Cap. 283);
 - (d) an enforcement officer authorised by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- (2) The maximum sum for which an offence mentioned in paragraph (1) may be compounded is \$2,000.

[S 261/2020 wef 09/04/2020]

FIRST SCHEDULE

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 13L

SPECIAL WORKPLACE SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

PART 1

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PART 2

[Deleted by S 177/2022 wef 15/03/2022]

Part 3

[Deleted by S 223/2022 wef 29/03/2022]

PART 4

SPECIFIED ACCOMMODATION AND HOSTELS

- 1.—(1) Where a specified accommodation or specified hostel is or contains the place of accommodation that any isolation subject is ordered to go to and not leave under the terms of the isolation subject's movement control measure, the person that manages and maintains, in the course of a business, the specified accommodation or specified hostel must
 - (a) provide to each of its permitted enterprise workers; and
 - (b) take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that each of its permitted enterprise workers properly use (including wear),

an appropriate level of personal protection equipment or other suitable protective gear to prevent transmission of COVID-19, when the permitted enterprise worker is carrying out duties which require physical interaction by the worker with —

- (c) any isolation subject; or
- (d) any utensil, appliance, furnishing, equipment or attire used or likely to be used or have been used by any isolation subject.
- (2) In this paragraph, "isolation subject" means an individual who is subject to a movement control measure.

[S 88/2021 wef 10/02/2021] [S 982/2021 wef 01/01/2022]

[S 223/2022 wef 29/03/2022]

THIRD SCHEDULE

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