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**COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020
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**COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (BUSINESS EVENTS —
CONTROL ORDER) REGULATIONS 2021**

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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 commencement

1. These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 24 April 2021.

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Application

2.—(1) Part 2 applies to and only in relation to any business event that —

- (a) is held or conducted on or after 24 April 2021;
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- (b) has or is likely to have a total number of more than 50 participants present —
- (i) at any time during any crowd management period of the business event; or
 - (ii) in one day, if there are 2 or more crowd management periods of the business event in a day.
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(2) However, an activity is not a major business event just because it comprises the routine supply or provision by a person of goods or services (but not function centre services) to consumers or other customers at any premises where the business, undertaking or work connected with the supply or provision of those goods or services is ordinarily carried out by the person.

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(3) Part 3 applies to and in relation to a business event held or conducted on or after 19 August 2021 that —

- (a) is organised by or on behalf of a permitted enterprise substantially in the production of income from an authorised service provided by the permitted enterprise; and
- (b) is not a major business event.

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General definitions

3.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“approving authority” means the Senior Director (Operations), Ministry of Trade and Industry;

“building” includes part of a building;

“business” includes any business in Singapore, whether or not carried on for profit;

“business event” means a meeting, an exhibition or a display, or a series of meetings, exhibitions or displays or a combination thereof, arranged or held in the course of business —

- (a) to discuss or negotiate matters relating to trade, commerce or finance, professional practice or matters, health, arts, science, technology, industry, economics, industrial relations, security, international affairs, the environment or any other cause or matter, whether or not of a similar kind;
- (b) to temporarily exhibit or display goods of any kind for the purposes of sale or supply to a consumer or otherwise; or
- (c) to promote the trading of goods or the provision of services to a consumer or otherwise,

to which individuals are admitted on payment of a fee or charge, on the basis of their membership of an organisation, or after making a contribution, or admitted free of charge, to attend the meeting or to enter or remain at the venue where a business event takes place, or is to take place; and in the case of a business event comprising a series of meetings, exhibitions or displays or a combination thereof, includes each meeting, exhibition or display and any opening ceremony or closing ceremony connected with that series;

“consumer” means a person —

- (a) who buys or takes on hire or lease, or is a potential buyer or hirer or lessor of, or borrows money for the purpose of buying, any goods otherwise than —
 - (i) for resale or letting for hire or leasing; or
 - (ii) in the course of or for the purpose of carrying on the person’s business;
- (b) who uses, or is a potential user of, or borrows money for the purpose of using, any service rendered for fee or reward, otherwise than in the course of or for the purpose of carrying on the person’s business;

- (c) who buys, or is the potential buyer of, or borrows money for the purpose of buying, an estate or interest in land or a building otherwise than —
 - (i) for the purpose of resale, commercial development, letting or hiring; or
 - (ii) in the course of or for the purpose of carrying on the person's business; or
- (d) who becomes a tenant or lessee of, or is a potential tenant or lessee of, any land or building otherwise than —
 - (i) for assignment or sub-letting; or
 - (ii) in the course of or for the purpose of carrying on the person's business;

“Control Order” means any of the following:

- (a) the Main Control Order;
- (b) these Regulations;
- (c) the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 277/2021);
- (d) the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 927/2020);

“crowd management period”, for a business event, means —

- (a) the period —
 - (i) starting 60 minutes before the time that the business event is stated will begin daily on any marketing material relating to the business event; and
 - (ii) ending 60 minutes after the time that the business event is stated will end daily on any marketing material relating to the business event; or

(b) if the business event is a series of meetings, exhibitions or displays, the period —

- (i) starting 60 minutes before the time that each meeting, exhibition or display is stated will begin on any marketing material relating to the business event; and
- (ii) ending 60 minutes after the time that each meeting, exhibition or display is stated will end on any marketing material relating to the business event;

“customer”, for a business event that is a trade show, includes a prospective customer who is also a participant at the trade show;

“defined activity” means an activity for the purpose of —

- (a) consuming food and drinks;
- (b) receiving any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one’s mask in order to receive the service; or
- (c) engaging in any sporting activity as follows, in an indoor physical recreational facility and in the course of receiving an authorised service consisting of providing lessons or coaching in, or for participation in, that sporting activity:
 - (i) any high-intensity physical exercise;
 - (ii) another sporting activity or physical recreational activity without wearing a mask;

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“enclosed space” means an area that is substantially enclosed by a roof and at least 2 walls, whether or not the roof or walls is or are permanent or temporary or open or closed, such as a room;

“exhibitor”, for a business event that is a trade show, means a participant at the trade show whose purpose in taking part is —

(a) to temporarily exhibit or display goods of any kind for the purposes of sale or supply to a consumer or otherwise; or

(b) to promote the trading of goods or the provision of services to a consumer or otherwise;

“Main Control Order” means the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 254/2020);

“major business event” means any business event described in regulation 2(1);

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“marketing material”, for a business event, means any of the following:

(a) a ticket for a business event;

(b) any catalogue or price list of tickets mentioned in paragraph (a);

(c) any advertisement (online or otherwise) or other publicity material promoting the business event;

“non-participant”, in relation to a business event, means an individual who is lawfully present in the venue during a crowd management period of the business event —

(a) to deliver goods or provide services connected with the organising of the business event by the event organiser;

(b) to regulate the intervals between meetings, exhibitions or displays at the business event;

(c) to monitor and ensure the compliance, by participants and any other individuals present during the crowd management period of the business event, with the requirements in any of the Control Orders;

(d) to execute an order of a court or a direction given by or on behalf of a public officer or a public body in exercise of a power under any written law; or

- (e) to render help in the event of an emergency at the business event;

“occupier”, for a venue where a business event takes place or is to take place in, means a person who has —

- (a) the charge, management or control of the venue, either on the person’s own account or as agent of another person, during the period of the business event; or
- (b) the use temporarily or otherwise of the venue during that period for the purpose of the business event;

Example

The hirer of a set of adjoining rooms in a convention centre for a business event to take place in those rooms. The occupier of the rest of the convention centre which is not hired out for the same business event is not an occupier for that event.

“organiser”, for a business event, means a person who is responsible (whether fully or substantially) for —

- (a) the organising of the business event; and
- (b) the receipt of revenue from the business event (if any),

but does not include a person by reason only of being a party to a sponsorship-like arrangement connected with the business event;

“participant”, in relation to a business event, means an individual who is entitled to be admitted to a venue where the business event takes place, or is to take place, for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to attend, watch, vote or take part in any other way, in the meetings, exhibitions or displays staged or conducted, or to be staged or conducted, in the venue;
- (b) to preside at, speak or otherwise take charge of proceedings in, or to regulate the number and length of, meetings, exhibition or displays staged or

conducted, or to be staged or conducted, at the business event;

(c) to work in one or more of the following capacities with any individual mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) during the business event:

(i) an individual who accompanies an individual mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) to promote or give protection, advice or assistance to the latter individual during any meeting, exhibition or display at the business event;

(ii) an individual who undertakes to represent the interests of an individual mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) in procuring the engagement of the latter individual as a speaker, presenter or person presiding at any meeting or discussion at the business event (called a manager);

(iii) an individual who assists an individual mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) as advised by a manager, or who assists the manager in representing the interests of the individual mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b);

(d) to report on the business event,

but excludes any non-participant who is present at the business event venue during the business event;

“participants’ area” means an area (sheltered or otherwise) within the venue for a business event that is —

(a) for a business event that is a trade show — where the exhibition or display is or is to be held; or

(b) for a business event that is not a trade show — where participants are admitted to attend, watch, vote or take part in any other way, in the event,

but excludes any ticketing area, turnstile or other entry and exit place, washroom or other like facilities for the convenience of participants;

“room” means an area within a building that has a ceiling and is fully enclosed on all sides;

“sponsorship-like arrangement” means —

(a) a right to associate a person or a person’s goods or services with —

(i) a business event;

(ii) an organiser of a business event; or

(iii) any activity associated with a business event; or

(b) an affiliation or association (whether commercial or non-commercial) with —

(i) a business event;

(ii) an organiser of a business event; or

(iii) any activity associated with a business event;

“ticket”, for a business event, means a ticket issued or offered for sale by a person authorised by a business event organiser of the business event, to make the first supply of tickets entitling the purchaser of such a ticket or a holder thereof to enter the venue where the business event is or is to be held, to participate in the business event;

“trade show” means a meeting or series of meetings arranged or held in the course of business —

(a) to temporarily exhibit or display goods of any kind for the purposes of sale or supply ordinarily other than to a consumer; or

(b) to promote the trading of goods or the provision of services ordinarily other than to a consumer;

“unenclosed space” means a space that is wholly outdoors or is a space other than an enclosed space;

“unmasked”, in relation to an individual, means to be not wearing a mask and includes an individual wearing a face shield in lieu of a mask;

“venue”, for a business event, means an enclosed space or unenclosed space where the business event takes place or is to take place in;

Examples

An exhibition hall.

A function room in a hotel or convention centre.

An open space (whether or not tented) for the display of aircraft at an aviation industry business event.

(2) Unless expressly provided otherwise in these Regulations, any word or expression in these Regulations that is defined in the Main Control Order has the meaning given to it by the Main Control Order.

Meaning of physical distancing requirements

4.—(1) The general physical distancing requirement means the requirement to ensure that, within any part of the venue for a business event, there is a distance of at least one metre —

(a) between every participant of the business event in the venue; and

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(b) between any 2 individuals in the venue, in all other cases.

(1A) Despite paragraph (1), the general physical distancing requirement for a business event described in regulation 15D means the requirement to ensure that, within any part of the venue for such a business event, every participant is allotted into a cohort and there is a distance of at least one metre between every member of any cohort of participants of the business event from —

(a) any other participant of the business event in the venue who is alone or is a member of another cohort of such participants; and

(b) any other non-participant.

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(2) However, paragraphs (1) and (1A) do not apply to prevent physical contact between individuals in the venue of a business event to be a shorter or longer distance where expressly otherwise required or allowed by or under any Control Order during the crowd management period of the business event.

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(3) In paragraph (1A), a cohort of participants of a business event means as follows:

- (a) a cohort consisting of not more than 2 participants of the business event unless sub-paragraph (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) applies;
- (b) where the venue of the business event is a community eating place and any food or drink is or is to be consumed in connection with the business event, a cohort consisting of —
 - (i) 2 individuals in total each with a cleared status;
 - (ii) 2 individuals in total, consisting of one uncleared junior and one other individual with a cleared status;
or
 - (iii) 2 uncleared juniors all from the same household;
- (c) where the venue of the business event is any other retail food and drinks establishment and any food or drink is or is to be consumed in connection with the business event, a cohort consisting of —
 - (i) 2 individuals in total each with a cleared status;
 - (ii) 2 individuals in total, consisting of one uncleared junior and one other individual with a cleared status;
or
 - (iii) 5 or fewer individuals in total, all of whom are from the same household and consisting of —

- (A) uncleared juniors only;
 - (B) individuals each with a cleared status; or
 - (C) a mix of uncleared juniors and other individuals each with a cleared status;
- (d) where the venue of the business event is a place at which a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on and any food or drink is or is to be consumed in connection with the business event — 2 individuals each with a cleared status;
- (e) where the venue of the business event is an indoor physical recreational facility and any high-intensity physical exercise or other sporting activity or physical recreational activity without wearing a mask is or is to be engaged in at the business event — a sporting activity cohort;
- (f) where any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one's mask in order to receive the service is or is to be engaged in at the business event — a personalised service cohort.

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Meaning of participant capacity requirement

5.—(1) The participant capacity requirement for a venue where a major business event takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement that limits the total number of participants who are or may be allowed to be present within the participants' area of the venue at any one time during the crowd management period of the major business event to —

- (a) 500, unless the number in sub-paragraph (b) is lower;
[S 622/2021 wef 19/08/2021]
- (b) a number which the participants' area can accommodate if all the following are complied with:
- (i) the segregation requirement;

- (ii) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1);
- (iii) regulations 10A, 12 and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order.

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(2) The participant capacity requirement for a venue where a business event described in regulation 15A takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement that limits the total number of participants who are or may be allowed to be present within the participants' area of the venue at any one time during the crowd management period of the business event to the lower of the following:

- (a) 50;
- (b) a number which the participants' area can accommodate if all the following are complied with:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1);
 - (ii) regulations 10A and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order.

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(3) The participant capacity requirement for a venue where a business event described in regulation 15D takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement that limits the total number of participants who are or may be allowed to be present within the participants' area of the venue at any one time during the crowd management period of the business event to —

- (a) where the venue is not the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event — the lower of the following:
 - (i) 50;
 - (ii) a number which the participants' area can accommodate if all the following are complied with:

- (A) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1A);
 - (B) regulations 10A and 12 of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order; or
- (b) where the venue is the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event — a number which the participants' area can accommodate if all the following are complied with:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1A);
 - (ii) regulations 10A, 12 and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order.

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Meaning of segregation requirement

6.—(1) The segregation requirement for a venue where a business event that is not a trade show takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement —

- (a) to establish for the business event, one or more segregation zones in the participants' area in the venue, with each zone providing for seating for not more than 100 individuals and no accommodation for standing participants;
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- (b) to clearly delineate the boundaries of each segregation zone in a substantially unbroken manner by means of any of the following:
 - (i) any wall or other non-porous partition or screen that is 1.8 metres or taller measured from the floor of the part of the participants' area;
 - (ii) any stanchion with barrier rope or tape or other similar physical barrier, that is at least 2 metres away from the boundary of another segregation zone;

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- (c) to allocate each participant of the business event to not more than one segregation zone for the business event, and not more than one business event at the same time;
 - (d) to ensure that any participant who is allocated to a segregation zone for the business event, does not, during the crowd management period of that business event, enter or remain within —
 - (i) another segregation zone for that same business event; or
 - (ii) the venue where another business event is taking place concurrently and in the vicinity of the venue where the firstmentioned business event takes place or is to take place; and
 - (e) to establish and apply procedures or controls so as —
 - (i) to ensure that a participant allocated to a segregation zone for the business event, does not physically interact with another participant allocated to another segregation zone for that business event, when they enter or leave each other's allocated segregation zone; and
 - (ii) to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 between participants allocated to different segregation zones.
- (2) The segregation requirement for a venue where a business event that is a trade show takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement —
- (a) to establish one or more segregation zones in the participants' area in the venue, with each zone providing for not more than 100 individuals to be present, whether exhibitors or customers;
- [S 861/2021 wef 10/11/2021]*
- (b) to clearly delineate the boundaries of each segregation zone in a substantially unbroken manner by means any of the following:

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- (i) any wall or other non-porous partition or screen that is 1.8 metres or taller measured from the floor of the part of the participants' area;
 - (ii) any stanchion with barrier rope or tape or other similar physical barrier, that is at least 2 metres away from the boundary of another segregation zone;
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 - (c) to allocate —
 - (i) each customer who is a participant of the business event to not more than one segregation cohort for the business event; and
 - (ii) each exhibitor who is a participant of the business event to not more than one segregation zone for the business event;
 - (d) to ensure that —
 - (i) any customer who is a participant allocated to a segregation cohort for the business event, does not, during the crowd management period of that business event join another segregation cohort for that same business event; or
 - (ii) any exhibitor who is a participant of the business event does not, during the crowd management period of that business event enter or remain in another segregation zone for that same business event or another business event taking place concurrently and in the vicinity of the venue where the firstmentioned business event takes place or is to take place; and
 - (e) to establish and apply procedures or controls so as —
 - (i) to ensure that a participant allocated to a segregation cohort does not physically interact with another participant allocated to another segregation cohort when they enter or leave a segregation zone;
 - (ii) to ensure that a participant allocated to a segregation zone does not physically interact with another

participant allocated to another segregation zone when they enter or leave their respective segregation zones; and

- (iii) to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 between participants allocated to different segregation cohorts and to different segregation zones.

Meaning of contact-tracing requirement

7.—(1) The contact-tracing requirement for a venue where a business event takes place or is to take place means the requirement to establish and apply, so far as is reasonably practicable, (jointly with another or otherwise) appropriate procedures and controls specially relating to the business event —

- (a) that enable or facilitate contact tracing of every participant and non-participant who enters the venue; and
- (b) that comply with any direction under regulation 15(3) addressed to the occupier in relation to that business event.

(2) The contact-tracing requirement in these Regulations is in addition to the requirement in regulation 10B(1)(c) of the Main Control Order.

Meaning of entry controls

8.—(1) The basic entry controls for a venue where a business event takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement —

- (a) to refuse entry to the venue by any individual —
 - (i) whom the venue manager of the venue knows or has reason to believe is subject to a movement control measure; or
 - (ii) who refuses to comply with any contact-tracing measure established or applied by the venue manager in order to comply with the contact-tracing requirement; and

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- (b) *[Deleted by S 622/2021 wef 19/08/2021]*

- (c) to refuse entry to the venue by any individual whom the venue manager of the venue knows or has reason to believe to be seeking entry for any purpose other than as a participant or non-participant.

(2) The enhanced entry controls with respect to a venue where a business event takes place, or is to take place, means a requirement to establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the business event, all reasonably practicable procedures and protocols that ensure that only the following enter or remain within the venue during that crowd management period:

- (a) a participant or non-participant with a cleared status;
- (b) a participant or non-participant who is an uncleared junior, unless there are also present, in the venue during that crowd management period, participants and non-participants who are uncleared juniors and are not below the maximum permissible number of uncleared juniors for the venue during that crowd management period.

[S 586/2021 wef 10/08/2021]

(2A) The maximum permissible number of uncleared juniors for a venue during the crowd management period of the business event taking place in that venue is 20% of the total number of participants present or who may be present within the venue during that crowd management period, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

[S 586/2021 wef 10/08/2021]

(3) Any word or expression in paragraph (2) that is defined in the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021) has the meaning given to it by those Regulations.

Meaning of cleaning requirement

9. The cleaning requirement for a venue in which a business event takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement —

- (a) to ensure that any common area, furniture or fittings within the venue which are not for the exclusive use of any participant or non-participant (or any of them in combination) in the venue, or are used by any of these

individuals to move through the venue (commonly called high-touch places and surfaces) —

- (i) are periodically cleaned and disinfected within each day, following appropriate procedures and at an appropriate frequency so as to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 from the use of the same area by several such individuals at the same time or different times; and
 - (ii) are, as far as is reasonably practicable, at all times provided with easily accessible disinfecting agents like hand sanitisers, disinfectant sprays, paper towels and wipes, for the free use of such individuals in the venue;
- (b) to ensure that any equipment or device, goods, article or thing, being an equipment or a device, or goods or an article or a thing which is exhibited or displayed, shared or may be shared by, or used or may be used by or on, more than one participant or non-participant (or any of them in combination) during the business event —
 - (i) is periodically cleaned and disinfected after each use, following appropriate procedures and at an appropriate frequency so as to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 from the sharing or common and continuous touching of the equipment, device, goods, article or thing by or on several such individuals; and
 - (ii) is not easily accessible for use by more than one such individual (or any combination of them) at the same time or different times, by applying appropriate procedures and controls that minimise such sharing or use and the physical interaction between these individuals;
- (c) to ensure that a reasonable period of time elapses —
 - (i) since the end of an earlier business event to allow for cleaning as described in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) or

both, in between the earlier business event and the start of the next business event; or

- (ii) if the business event is a series of meetings, exhibitions or displays, since the end of an earlier meeting, exhibition or display to allow for cleaning as described in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) or both, in between the earlier meeting, exhibition or display and the start of the next meeting, exhibition or display, as the case may be; and
- (d) to ensure that the venue is cleaned and disinfected at the end of daily business, and before re-opening after any closure of business or undertaking (voluntarily or otherwise) at the venue.

Prevailing rule requirement

9A.—(1) Where the venue of a business event in regulation 15A or 15D is not the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event, the prevailing rule requirement means that the organiser of the business event must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the participants of the business event, during the crowd management period of the business event, do cooperate with the occupier of that venue to enable the occupier to comply with the requirements imposed on the occupier under the Main Control Order in relation to the business event taking place in that venue.

(2) Where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in during a business event in regulation 15A in a venue, and the venue is the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event that is —

- (a) a retail food and drinks establishment or a place at which a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on;
- (b) an indoor recreational facility; or
- (c) premises at which is provided any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one's mask in order to receive the service,

the prevailing rule requirement means that the organiser of the business event must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure

that the requirements in the Main Control Order are complied with, subject to —

- (d) paragraph 2(a) of Part 3 of the First Schedule to the Main Control Order, and paragraph 1(1)(a) or 4(a) (as the case may be) of Part 4 of the First Schedule to the Main Control Order, being disapplied in relation to the business event; and

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- (e) paragraph 1(1)(b) and (c) and (2)(a) of Part 4 of the First Schedule to the Main Control Order applying despite any general physical distancing requirement in these Regulations.

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(2A) Where the consumption of any food or drink in connection with a business event in regulation 15A or 15D is not prohibited by any Control Order, and is or is to be engaged in at the business event, the prevailing rule requirement also means that —

- (a) the food or drink must not be served or consumed in the venue of the business event when a live performance, or a lecture, a talk or an address or other sound which is not pre-recorded, is taking place or is displayed, exhibited or played in the venue;
- (b) the food or drink must be served in connection with the business event only in individual servings, and in no other way; and
- (c) the food or drink must be consumed in connection with the business event only when participants are and remain seated as if a dining-in activity cohort.

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(3) However, paragraph (2A) does not apply to prevent the consumption of drink in an emergency where the drink is necessary to preserve life or prevent injury or further injury.

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PART 2
SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES
FOR MAJOR BUSINESS EVENTS

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Approval needed for major business events

10. An organiser of a business event to which these Regulations apply, must not intentionally or negligently cause or allow the business event to take place at a venue without the prior approval of the approving authority.

Requirements for occupier of business event venue

11.—(1) An occupier of a venue where a business event takes place, or is to take place, must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to comply with the following during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement;
 - (ii) the contact tracing requirement;
 - (iii) the basic entry controls;
 - (iv) the participant capacity requirement;
 - (v) the applicable segregation requirement;
 - (vi) the cleaning requirement;
- (b) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the business event, between any participant at the business event and any non-participant within the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place;
- (c) to ensure that every participant during the crowd management period of the business event that is not a trade show is at all times at least one metre away from any other individual in that participants' area;

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- (d) to ensure that during the crowd management period of the business event —
- (i) no food or drink is supplied or consumed at the participants' area where the business event takes place or is to take place; and
 - (ii) no singing, no playing of a musical instrument and no other live performance is engaged in or provided by any one in the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place; and
- (e) to ensure that every direction given under regulation 15(3) with respect to that business event is complied with during the crowd management period of the business event.
- (2) In addition to paragraph (1), an occupier of a venue where a business event takes place or is to take place must establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the business event, enhanced entry controls with respect to the business event where —
- (a) the venue is a restricted place within the meaning of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021; and
 - (b) the approving authority gives a direction under regulation 15(3) requiring enhanced entry controls with respect to that business event.
- (3) However, paragraph (1)(d) does not apply to prevent the consumption of a drink in an emergency where the drink is necessary to preserve life or prevent injury or further injury.

Requirements for organiser of business event

12.—(1) An organiser of a business event which is not a trade show must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to ensure no audience participation during the crowd management period of the business event;
- (b) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the business event between —

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- (i) any participant of the business event whose principal purpose at the business event is to preside at, speak or otherwise take charge of proceedings in, or to regulate the number and length of, meetings, staged or conducted, or to be staged or conducted, at the business event; and
 - (ii) any other participant; and
 - (c) to ensure that every direction given under regulation 15(3) with respect to that business event is complied with during the crowd management period of the business event.
- (2) In paragraph (1), “audience participation”, for a business event that is not a trade show, does not include any of the following:
- (a) applause or approval expressed by handclapping while seated and without any accompanying verbal exhortations, singing or whistling;
 - (b) seeking information during a formal part of the event dedicated to taking questions from participants in general;
 - (c) discussions solely among participants themselves during a formal part of the event dedicated to group discussions;
 - (d) a participant taking part at the business event by presiding at, speaking or otherwise taking charge of proceedings in, or regulating the number and length of, meetings, staged or conducted, or to be staged or conducted, at the business event and by being a participant otherwise.
- (3) In addition, an organiser of a business event must take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that at all times during the crowd management period of the business event —
- (a) every participant and non-participant in the venue where the business event is taking place are each wearing a mask if the participant or non-participant (as the case may be) is not authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she does not have a reasonable excuse to be unmasked; and

- (b) the number of individuals who are unmasked in the venue where the business event is taking place does not exceed the maximum number permissible under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 for individuals engaged in public speaking or who are performers in the live performance, if these elements are present during the business event.

Cooperating with occupier of business event venue

13. Every participant present in a venue in which a business event is taking or is to take place must, during the crowd management period of the business event, cooperate with the occupier of that venue and the organiser of the business event to enable the occupier and organiser to comply with the respective requirements of the occupier and organiser under these Regulations in relation to the business event.

Mask wearing

14.—(1) During the crowd management period of a business event taking place in a venue, every participant in the participants' area and every non-participant in the venue must not be unmasked where he or she has no reasonable excuse to be unmasked.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not prevent an individual to be unmasked where he or she is authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she has some other reasonable excuse to be unmasked.

Alternative arrangements

15.—(1) The approving authority may approve a shorter crowd management period or waive (in whole or part) any requirement in regulation 4(1), 5, 6(1) or (2), 8(2)(b) or 11(1)(d) in respect of a particular business event only —

- (a) on the application of the person who is the organiser of the business event or the occupier of the venue where the business event is taking place or both; and

- (b) if the approving authority is personally satisfied that all of the matters in paragraph (2) apply.

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(2) The matters the approving authority must be satisfied are as follows:

- (a) the person who is the organiser of the business event or the occupier of the venue where the business event is taking place or both —
- (i) have adequately identified the significant risks to the incidence and transmission of COVID-19 in the community in Singapore associated with the matter applied to be approved or waived;
 - (ii) have established a plan on how to manage or control those risks; and
 - (iii) each has the relevant knowledge, competency, experience and suitable compliance record connected with safe management measures for business events of the same nature as the particular business event;
- (b) there are requirements in other written law or there are other means that help minimise the public health risks associated with the matter to be approved or waived, besides the Main Control Order and these Regulations;
- (c) the granting of the approval or waiver (as the case may be) is necessary or desirable to facilitate resumption of business or to avoid unnecessary restrictions on commerce having regard to the incidence and transmission of COVID-19 in the community in Singapore when the application is made;
- (d) the nature of the business event is suitable for the granting of the approval or waiver (as the case may be) despite the risk to public health;
- (e) there are applicable international obligations or mercantile practice or customs for holding the event in a particular way.

(3) Any approval or waiver by the approving authority of an application under paragraph (1) in respect of a particular business event may be accompanied by directions addressed to the person who is the organiser of the business event or the occupier of the venue where the business event is taking place or both, containing —

- (a) variations of any requirements in these Regulations in relation to that particular business event, which may include more stringent requirements than in these Regulations;
- (b) a requirement for enhanced entry controls to be established and maintained at the venue, during the crowd management period of the business event; or
- (c) other measures in respect of that business event that satisfy the objectives and performance requirements in the Main Control Order and these Regulations for preventing, protecting against, delaying or otherwise controlling the incidence or transmission of COVID-19 in Singapore, having regard to the nature of the business event (such as whether it is open to consumers or not),

so as to mitigate the significant risks to the incidence and transmission of COVID-19 in the community in Singapore associated with the matter approved or waived.

PART 3

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR OTHER BUSINESS EVENTS

Division 1 — Non customer facing business events

Application of Division

15A. This Division applies to and in relation to a business event that is not a major business event and organised by or on behalf of a permitted enterprise —

(a) that is for any occasion or purpose as follows:

- (i) to comply with an order of a court, a direction given by or on behalf of a public officer or a public body in exercise of a power under any written law, or a requirement under or statutory duty appearing in an Act (including any alternative arrangements for meetings provided under section 27 of the Act);
- (ii) to promote or facilitate employment by or contracts for service with the permitted enterprise; or

(b) that is for any occasion or purpose as follows:

- (i) to conduct professional or vocational training, or testing, certification or accreditation of a permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise, or of his or her proficiency in a skill used in an authorised service provided by the permitted enterprise;
 - (ii) to promote or facilitate activities directed at maintaining worker welfare and productivity in the course of conducting a business or an undertaking,
- and is attended by participants consisting wholly or mainly of permitted enterprise workers of the permitted enterprise.

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Requirements for occupier of business event venue

15B.—(1) An occupier of a venue where a business event in regulation 15A takes place, or is to take place, must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to comply with the following during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1) for the business event;
 - (ii) the contact-tracing requirement;
 - (iii) the basic entry controls;

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- (iv) the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(2) for the business event;
 - (v) the cleaning requirement; and
 - (b) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the business event, between any participant at the business event and any non-participant within the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place.
- (2) In addition to paragraph (1), where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in or during the business event in regulation 15A, and any participant of the business event —
- (a) is not a permitted enterprise worker of the organiser of the business event; or
 - (b) is a permitted enterprise worker who does not regularly deliver goods or perform services connected to the business, undertaking or work of the organiser of the business event,
- an occupier of a venue where the business event takes place, or is to take place, must establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the business event, enhanced entry controls with respect to the business event.

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Requirements for organiser of business event

15C.—(1) An organiser of a business event in regulation 15B must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to ensure that during the crowd management period of the business event, none of the following is engaged in or provided by any one in the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) singing;
 - (ii) playing of a wind musical instrument;
- (b) to ensure that no verbal exhortations of goodwill or honour or about any other matter (whether or not auspicious or

propitious), accompanied by a ritual (like toasting) in which a drink or any food is offered, taken or handled, are made during the business event; and

- (c) to comply with the prevailing rule requirement (if applicable) during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place, subject to the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(2) for the business event.

(2) In addition, an organiser of a business event must take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that at all times during the crowd management period of the business event —

- (a) every participant and non-participant in the venue where the business event is taking place is each wearing a mask if the participant or non-participant (as the case may be) is not authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she does not have a reasonable excuse to be unmasked; and
- (b) the number of individuals who are unmasked in the venue where the business event is taking place does not exceed the maximum number permissible under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 for individuals engaged in public speaking or who are performers in the live performance, if these elements are present during the business event.

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Division 2 — Customer facing business events

Customer facing business events

15D. This Division applies to a business event that is not a major business event and organised by or on behalf of a permitted enterprise other than a business event described in regulation 15A, and includes a business event that is for a routine supply or provision of goods or services to a consumer or otherwise at any premises or a vessel where

the business, undertaking or work connected with the supply or provision of those goods or services is ordinarily carried out.

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Requirements for occupier of business event venue

15E.—(1) An occupier of a venue where a business event in regulation 15D takes place, or is to take place, must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to comply with the following during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1A) for the business event;
 - (ii) the contact-tracing requirement;
 - (iii) the basic entry controls;
 - (iv) the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(3) for the business event;
 - (v) the cleaning requirement; and
- (b) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the business event, between any participant at the business event and any non-participant within the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place.

(2) In addition to paragraph (1), where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in during the business event in regulation 15D, an occupier of a venue where the business event takes place, or is to take place, must —

- (a) establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the business event, enhanced entry controls with respect to the business event; and
- (b) take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that participants in the venue are allotted and remain in cohorts during the crowd management period of the

business event, as if a dining-in activity cohort, a personalised service cohort or a sporting activity cohort, as the case may be.

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Requirements for organiser of business event

15F.—(1) An organiser of a business event in regulation 15D must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to ensure that during the crowd management period of the business event, none of the following is engaged in or provided by any one in the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) singing;
 - (ii) playing of a wind musical instrument;
- (b) to ensure that no verbal exhortations of goodwill or honour or about any other matter (whether or not auspicious or propitious), accompanied by a ritual (like toasting) in which a drink or any food is offered, taken or handled, are made during the business event;
- (c) to comply with the prevailing rule requirement (if applicable) during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place, subject to the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(3) for the business event; and
- (d) to ensure that any live performance at the business event which is not prohibited under sub-paragraph (a) —
 - (i) does not go beyond what is incidental only; and
 - (ii) is not of a substantial nature,having regard to the occasion or purpose of the business event.

(2) In addition, an organiser of a business event must take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that at all times during the crowd management period of the business event —

- (a) every participant and non-participant in the venue where the business event is taking place is each wearing a mask if the participant or non-participant (as the case may be) is not authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she does not have a reasonable excuse to be unmasked; and
- (b) the number of individuals who are unmasked in the venue where the business event is taking place does not exceed the maximum number permissible under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 for individuals engaged in public speaking or who are performers in the live performance, if these elements are present during the business event.

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PART 4

GENERAL

Interface with Main Control Order

16.—(1) The requirements specified in these Regulations are in addition to the requirements in the Main Control Order, and these Regulations prevail if, and to the extent, there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the requirements in the Main Control Order insofar as those requirements in the Main Control Order may apply in connection with any business event.

(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.

(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.

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