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**FIRE SAFETY ACT
(CHAPTER 109A)**

**FIRE SAFETY
(PIPELINES — EXEMPTION)
ORDER 2014**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 53 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Fire Safety (Pipelines — Exemption) Order 2014 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st March 2014.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“exempt gas transporter”, “gas”, “gas transporter”, “gas pipeline”, “gas transmission pipeline” and “internal pipe” have the same meanings as in section 2 of the Gas Act (Cap. 116A);

“gas pipeline works” means fire safety works, insofar as they relate to the construction, alteration or repair of any gas pipeline or internal pipe.

Exemption of gas pipeline works from requirement for approval of plans

3.—(1) Any person —

- (a) who commences or carries out any gas pipeline works on any gas transmission pipeline owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter; or
- (b) for whom such gas pipeline works are to be commenced or carried out,

shall be exempt from the requirement under section 24(1) of the Act for the plans of the gas pipeline works to be approved if, before the commencement of the gas pipeline works, that person has confirmation from the Commissioner that the Commissioner is satisfied that the fire safety risks associated with the conveyance of gas through that gas transmission pipeline, when those gas pipeline works have been completed, will be within acceptable limits.

(2) Any person —

- (a) who commences or carries out any gas pipeline works on any gas pipeline (but not a gas transmission pipeline) owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter; or
- (b) for whom such gas pipeline works are to be commenced or carried out,

shall be exempt from the requirement under section 24(1) of the Act for the plans of the gas pipeline works to be approved.

(3) Any person —

- (a) who commences or carries out any gas pipeline works on any internal pipe connected to any gas pipeline owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter; or

(b) for whom such gas pipeline works are to be commenced or carried out,

shall be exempt from the requirement under section 24(1) of the Act for the plans of the gas pipeline works to be approved.

Exemption of gas pipeline works from requirement for fire safety certificate

4.—(1) Any person for whom gas pipeline works have been carried out and completed on any gas transmission pipeline owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter shall be exempt from the requirement under section 29 of the Act to obtain a fire safety certificate in respect of the completed gas pipeline works if, upon the completion of the gas pipeline works, that person obtains the confirmation referred to in paragraph 3(1).

(2) Any person for whom gas pipeline works have been carried out and completed on any gas pipeline (but not a gas transmission pipeline) owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter shall be exempt from the requirement under section 29 of the Act to obtain a fire safety certificate in respect of the completed gas pipeline works.

(3) Any person for whom gas pipeline works have been carried out and completed on any internal pipe connected to any gas pipeline owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter shall be exempt from the requirement under section 29 of the Act to obtain a fire safety certificate in respect of the completed gas pipeline works.

Exemption of gas pipelines from requirement for pipeline licence

5.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a pipeline owner who conveys or allows the conveyance of gas through a gas transmission pipeline owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter shall be exempt from the requirement for a licence under section 36A of the Act for the conveyance of gas through that gas transmission pipeline if, before conveying or allowing the conveyance of gas through that gas transmission

pipeline, the pipeline owner has confirmation from the Commissioner that the Commissioner is satisfied that the fire safety risks associated with such conveyance of gas through that gas transmission pipeline will be within acceptable limits.

(2) The exemption under sub-paragraph (1) shall cease to apply if the pipeline owner, gas transporter or exempt gas transporter permits any change to a process, system or procedure or other circumstances in relation to the conveyance of gas through the gas transmission pipeline which may increase the fire safety risks associated with the conveyance of gas through that gas transmission pipeline unless, before such change is effected, the pipeline owner, gas transporter or exempt gas transporter (as the case may be) has obtained confirmation from the Commissioner that the Commissioner is satisfied that the fire safety risks associated with the conveyance of gas through that gas transmission pipeline, with such a change, will be within acceptable limits.

(3) A pipeline owner who conveys or allows the conveyance of gas through a gas pipeline (but not a gas transmission pipeline) owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter shall be exempt from the requirement for a licence under section 36A of the Act for the conveyance of gas through that gas pipeline.

(4) A pipeline owner of any internal pipe connected to any gas pipeline owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter shall be exempt from the requirement for a licence under section 36A of the Act for the conveyance of gas through that internal pipe.

Requirement for quantitative risk assessment report, etc.

6. A request for the confirmation of the Commissioner for the purposes of paragraph 3(1), 4(1) or 5(1) or (2) shall be supported by such information as the Commissioner may require, including a quantitative risk assessment report or other risk analysis report on the fire safety risks associated with the conveyance of gas through the gas transmission pipeline prepared by a person who, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is qualified to give such a report.

Exemption of submarine pipelines, etc.

7.—(1) Any person for whom any relevant pipeline works are to be commenced or carried out, or who commences or carries out any relevant pipeline works on —

- (a) any relevant pipeline that is a submarine pipeline;
- (b) any relevant pipeline that is connected to a submarine pipeline and is located at a place to which the public does not have access; or
- (c) any offshore gas pipeline owned by or under the management or control of a gas transporter or an exempt gas transporter,

shall be exempt from the requirement under section 24(1) of the Act for the plans of the relevant pipeline works to be approved.

(2) Any person for whom relevant pipeline works have been carried out and completed on any pipeline referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c) shall be exempt from the requirement under section 29 of the Act to obtain a fire safety certificate in respect of the completed relevant pipeline works.

(3) Any pipeline owner who conveys or allows the conveyance of any petroleum or flammable materials through any pipeline referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b) shall be exempt from the requirement for a licence under section 36A of the Act for the conveyance of petroleum or flammable materials through that pipeline.

(4) Any pipeline owner who conveys or allows the conveyance of gas through any pipeline referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(c) shall be exempt from the requirement for a licence under section 36A of the Act for the conveyance of gas through that pipeline.

(5) In this paragraph —

“offshore gas pipeline” has the same meaning as in section 38A(7) of the Gas Act (Cap. 116A);

“submarine pipeline” does not include any relevant pipeline which is located on land or in any tidal waters within the limits of Singapore.

Made this 10th day of April 2014.

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