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FIRE SAFETY ACT (CHAPTER 109A)

FIRE SAFETY (COMPANY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM) REGULATIONS 2013

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Safety (Company Emergency Response Team) Regulations 2013 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2013.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“CERT” means a Company Emergency Response Team required to be established under section 38 of the Act;

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“Emergency Response Plan” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Fire Safety (Emergency Response Plan) Regulations (Rg 4);

“owner” and “occupier” have the same meanings, respectively, as in section 40 of the Act;

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“SCDF” means the Singapore Civil Defence Force raised and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Defence Act 1986;

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“specified premises” means any premises specified in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Fire Safety (Premises Requiring Fire Safety Manager and Company Emergency Response Team) Notification 2020 (G.N. No. S 768/2020).

[S 772/2020 wef 14/09/2020]

Duties of owner or occupier of specified premises

3.—(1) The owner or occupier of specified premises shall —

(a) establish a CERT for the premises comprising 6 members, or such other number as notified by the Commissioner under section 38(4)(a) of the Act, within 6 months after the date the premises become specified premises;

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(b) provide the CERT with the equipment specified in the Schedule;

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(c) not deploy any person as a member of the CERT unless the person has undergone such training as the Commissioner may specify;

(d) ensure that the CERT and the members thereof undergo such training and periodic assessments as the Commissioner may specify; and

(e) if the CERT fails any periodic assessment referred to in sub-paragraph (d), take reasonable steps to ensure that the

CERT passes such periodic assessment within such period as the Commissioner may require.

(2) [*Deleted by S 772/2020 wef 14/09/2020*]

Functions and duties of CERT

4. The functions and duties of a CERT for specified premises shall be to —

(a) assist the owner or occupier of the premises to carry out their duties in relation to the Emergency Response Plan under section 37 of the Act;

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(b) undergo such training and pass such training or periodic assessments as the Commissioner may specify;

(c) train the occupants of the premises for emergency preparedness;

(d) conduct initial fire-fighting and rescue operations in the event of fire or other related emergencies at the premises until the arrival of the SCDF fire-fighting crew;

(e) hand over the fire-fighting operations to the SCDF fire-fighting crew upon their arrival at the premises;

(f) assist the SCDF fire-fighting crew in the conduct of fire-fighting and rescue operations, if required;

(g) provide any other assistance as may be required by the SCDF to mitigate the fire or other related emergency; and

(h) carry out such duties and provide such information relating to emergency planning for the premises as the Commissioner may require.

Application

5. For the avoidance of doubt, these Regulations shall not apply to any Company Emergency Response Team required to be established by the Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Regulations (Rg 7).

THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 3(1)(b)

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CERT

1. The following equipment must be provided to a CERT of any specified premises:

- (a) 5 sets of fire retardant coveralls;
- (b) 5 safety helmets;
- (c) 5 pairs of goggles or 5 face shields;
- (d) 5 pairs of safety gloves;
- (e) 5 pairs of safety boots;
- (f) the requisite number and class of fire extinguishers in accordance with Singapore Standard 578:2012 — Code of Practice for Use and Maintenance of Portable Fire Extinguishers;
- (g) a first-aid kit;
- (h) a foldable stretcher;
- (i) a fire blanket;
- (j) an automated external defibrillator;
- (k) a loud hailer;
- (l) 4 walkie-talkies.

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