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GAMBLING CONTROL ACT 2022

GAMBLING CONTROL (HIGH-VALUE AMUSEMENT MACHINES — EXEMPTION) ORDER 2023

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 128 of the Gambling Control Act 2022, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Order:

Citation and period in force

1.—(1) This Order is the Gambling Control (High-Value Amusement Machines — Exemption) Order 2023.

(2) This Order is in force for the period between 6 February 2023 and 29 February 2024 (both dates inclusive).

Definitions

2. In this Order —

“fun fair” has the meaning given by paragraph 2 of the Public Entertainments (Exemptions) Order (O 1);

“high-value amusement machine” means a mechanical, an electrical or an electronic device that is constructed or adapted —

- (a) for the playing of any game (whether or not a game of chance) by means of the machine, whether automatically or by the operation of the machine by an individual playing without using remote communication or 2 or more such individuals;
- (b) to be operated by the insertion of any money or money equivalent or a gaming token, or by the use of accrued credits; and
- (c) so that any individual playing the machine once and successfully receives any thing of value which is \$100 or more,

and includes a mechanical, an electrical or an electronic device commonly called a claw machine, or a crane machine or claw crane machine;

“relevant fun fair organiser” means an organiser of a fun fair the holding of which was notified to a police officer at least 7 days before the start of the fun fair;

“relevant gaming machine operator” means an operator of any carnival game who operates one or more high-value amusement machines at any fun fair held by a relevant fun fair organiser, and where the offering of the carnival games for playing by customers starts not earlier than 11 a.m. on any day and ends not later than 10.30 p.m. the same day;

“relevant licensee” means a holder of a public entertainment licence under section 8 of the Public Entertainments Act 1958 who operates one or more high-value amusement machines under the authority of that licence.

Exemption of relevant licensees, relevant gaming machine operators and relevant fun fair organisers

3. A person who is a relevant licensee, relevant gaming machine operator or relevant fun fair organiser is exempt from the following sections of the Act:

- (a) section 18(1) of the Act, in relation to the conduct of gaming where this involves the operation of one or more high-value amusement machines;
- (b) section 19(1) of the Act, in relation to the conduct of gaming in or from any place or premises in Singapore that is not an approved gambling venue for the conduct of that gaming, where this involves the operation of one or more high-value amusement machines;
- (c) section 27(2) of the Act, in relation to —
 - (i) the conduct of gaming involving a gaming machine or gaming machine game that is not approved under section 74 of the Act; or
 - (ii) the use or operation, or allowing the use or operation of, for the purposes of gaming activities by another person, a gaming machine or gaming machine game that is not approved under section 74 of the Act,where the gaming machine is a high-value amusement machine or the gaming machine game is designed to be played on a high-value amusement machine;
- (d) section 30(1) of the Act, in relation to engaging in gambling where that gambling involves the operation by the person of one or more high-value amusement machines;
- (e) section 34(1) of the Act, in relation to the inducement of gambling where that gambling involves the operation by the person of one or more high-value amusement machines;
- (f) section 35(1) of the Act, in relation to the employment of an individual to conduct gaming in or from Singapore

where that gaming involves the operation by the person of one or more high-value amusement machines.

Exemption of players

4. An individual is exempt from —
- (a) section 28(1) of the Act, where the individual is playing a high-value amusement machine; and
 - (b) section 31(1) or (3) of the Act, in relation to any engagement in gambling in or from Singapore which involves the playing of a high-value amusement machine.

Exemption of suppliers

5. An individual is exempt from section 29(1) of the Act, where the object or thing being supplied is a high-value amusement machine.

Made on 1 February 2023.

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