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INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT (CHAPTER 137)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (COVID-19 — STAY ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Infectious Diseases Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 — Stay Orders) Regulations 2020.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“at-risk individual” means an individual who —

- (a) enters Singapore (by land, sea or air) from a country or territory outside Singapore during the control period;
- (b) before or during the control period, comes into contact or has come into contact with any other individual who is, or is suspected to be, infected with COVID-19;

- (c) has, before or during the control period, undergone a test to determine whether he or she is infected with COVID-19 and the test result is pending or uncertain; or
- (d) at any time during the control period appears to the specified person to be or have been exposed to the risk of becoming infected with or a carrier of COVID-19;

“control period” means the period between 26 March 2020 and 30 April 2020 (both dates inclusive);

“COVID-19” means the infectious disease known as Coronavirus Disease 2019;

“place of accommodation”, for an individual, means —

- (a) the individual’s residence in Singapore; or
- (b) any other place of accommodation of the individual in Singapore;

“specified person” means the Director or any police officer, immigration officer or Health Officer.

Stay orders

3.—(1) A specified person may, for the purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19, order any at-risk individual to go to a place of accommodation specified in the order or in writing by a specified person and not leave the place of accommodation for a period specified in the order, starting upon the issue of the order and up to and including the 14th day after the day of the issue of the order.

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(2) Any individual who is issued a medical certificate by a medical practitioner with a valid practising certificate, certifying that the individual has acute respiratory symptoms must not leave the individual’s place of accommodation for a period of 5 days starting on the day the medical certificate is issued.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), an individual who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with an order under paragraph (1) or contravenes paragraph (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be

liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(4) To avoid doubt, it is a reasonable excuse for the purposes of these Regulations if the individual leaves the place of accommodation —

(a) only where necessary to obtain —

(i) medical treatment for a suspected COVID-19 infection at a hospital, medical clinic or any other place, designated by the Director for the treatment of COVID-19; or

(ii) emergency medical treatment or other medical treatment that is of a pressing nature; or

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(b) with the prior express permission of the Director, whether general or specific.

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Stay-home notices

4.—(1) An individual commits an offence if the individual —

(a) has, within 14 days before the start of the control period, been given a stay-home notice by a specified person; and

(b) at any time on or after 27 March 2020 but during the period specified in the notice that lies within the control period, without reasonable excuse, leaves the place of accommodation specified in the notice.

(2) An individual who is guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

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(3) In this regulation, “stay-home notice” means a notice that requires the individual to whom the notice is given to stay at and not leave the place of accommodation specified in the notice for the period specified in the notice.

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