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### INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT (CHAPTER 137)

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

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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;

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- (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 4 May 2020 (both dates inclusive);

*[S 263/2020 wef 10/04/2020]*

“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.

*[S 193/2020 wef 29/03/2020]*

(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

*[S 193/2020 wef 29/03/2020]*

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

*[S 184/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

### **Measures for individuals under stay orders, etc.**

4.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), an individual who is subject to a movement control measure requiring the individual to not leave a place of accommodation commits an offence if the individual, without reasonable excuse —

- (a) allows into that place of accommodation any other individual not ordinarily resident in that place of accommodation;
- (b) comes into contact or close proximity with any individual not ordinarily resident in that place of accommodation;
- (c) fails or neglects to wear a surgical or other mask over the individual's nose and mouth when the individual leaves the place of accommodation for any reason permitted in regulation 3(4);

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- (d) fails or neglects to inform the individual's employer or the principal of the school in which the individual is enrolled as a student or teaches at (as the case may be) that the individual is subject to a movement control measure; or
- (e) does not answer within a reasonable time any call or message sent by or under the authority of the Director or a Health Officer.
- (2) Paragraph (1)(a) does not apply where the other individual is delivering food or other essential goods to the place of accommodation.
- (3) Paragraph (1)(a) and (b) does not apply where the other individual —
- (a) is providing services as are necessary for the individuals living in that place of accommodation to avoid any imminent danger or damage to life or property in that place of accommodation;
- (b) is providing medical treatment or other medical therapy or care to an individual who has a physical or mental disability; or
- (c) is a Health Officer or police officer.
- (4) 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.
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation, an individual is subject to a movement control measure for so long as the individual is required to not leave a place of accommodation because of —
- (a) an order made under regulation 3(1);
- (b) regulation 3(2); or
- (c) an order under section 15 or 17 of the Act.
- (6) For the purposes of this regulation, an individual is in close proximity to another individual if there is a distance of less than 2 metres between the 2 individuals.

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