

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS ACT
(CHAPTER 257, SECTION 16)

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS AND MEETINGS (EXEMPTIONS)
ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

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1. This Order may be cited as the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Exemptions) Order.

Definitions

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

“arts entertainment” has the same meaning as in the Schedule to the Act;

“bowling centre” means any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, for the primary purpose of bowling;

[*Deleted by S 350/2011*]

“children” means persons of 12 years of age or below;

“constituency” means an electoral division under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) and includes a group representation constituency;

“constituency activity”, in relation to a constituency, means any activity organised for the benefit and participation of the residents of the constituency, and for which a licence is required under the Act;

“fun fair” means an amusement fair which is, or may be, established and operated for a continuous period of not more than 31 days in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise;

“group representation constituency” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Parliamentary Elections Act;

“hotel” means any premises registered as a hotel under the Hotels Act (Cap. 127), and “hotel-keeper” has the same meaning as in section 2 of that Act;

“martial arts” means akido, bersilat, jiu-jitsu, judo, karate, kendo, kung-fu, taekwon-do or a combination or variation thereof, or any other art of pugilism, fighting, boxing or self-defence;

“massage establishment” means any establishment for massage in respect of which a licence has been issued under the Massage Establishments Act (Cap. 173) and remains in force;

[*Deleted by S 350/2011*]

“specified demonstration” means any demonstration of one or more of the art and craft, sports or cultural activities specified in the Schedule;

“temporary fair” means a temporary fair for which a permit has been obtained from the Director-General of Public Health under section 35 of the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95).

Exemptions

Certain performances

3.—(1) Any event (other than any constituency activity) wholly comprising —

(a) [*Deleted by S 318/2005*]

- (b) [*Deleted by S 318/2005*]
- (c) classical instrumental music performance (not being arts entertainment); or
- (d) “sing-song”

in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (i) the event commences not earlier than 11 a.m. and ends not later than 10.30 p.m.;
- (ii) not more than 2 loudspeakers are used during the event;
- (iii) any loudspeaker used during the event is inclined downwards and positioned to face the audience;
- (iv) any stage, structure, shed or fixture used or to be used for the event is not —
 - (A) installed, erected or constructed; or
 - (B) removed or dismantled,between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.;
- (v) no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers;
- (vi) no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
- (vii) the performers are not indecently attired;
- (viii) in the case of sub-paragraph (d) —
 - (A) there is no transgender performance;
 - (B) the performers do not mingle with the audience in any manner during their performance or while dressed in their performance attire;
 - (C) the event shall not be held at the same place for more than 3 consecutive days within a month; and