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WOMEN'S CHARTER (ENFORCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE ORDERS UNDER DIVISION 3 OF PART 9) REGULATIONS 2024

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 91A of the Women's Charter 1961, the Minister for Law makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Women's Charter (Enforcement of Maintenance Orders under Division 3 of Part 9) Regulations 2024 and come into operation on 16 January 2025.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these Regulations —

“ACRA” means the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority established by section 3 of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act 2004;

“CDP” means The Central Depository (Pte) Limited;

“CPF Board” means the Central Provident Fund Board established by section 3 of the Central Provident Fund Act 1953;

“HDB” means the Housing and Development Board established by section 3 of the Housing and Development Act 1959;

“IRAS” means the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore established by section 3 of the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Act 1992;

“LTA” means the Land Transport Authority of Singapore established by section 3 of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act 1995;

“MSF” means the Ministry of Social and Family Development;

“Official Assignee” means the Official Assignee appointed under section 16(1) of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018, and includes a Deputy Official Assignee, a Senior Assistant Official Assignee and an Assistant Official Assignee;

“party”, in relation to any maintenance enforcement application, means the applicant or the respondent in the maintenance enforcement application;

“self-employed individual” means an individual who works for gain or reward otherwise than under a contract of service, whether or not employing others;

“Singapore bank account”, in relation to any bank (whether incorporated in Singapore or incorporated, formed or established outside Singapore), means any bank account

opened by any of the bank's branches or offices located within Singapore;

“SLA” means the Singapore Land Authority established by section 3 of the Singapore Land Authority Act 2001;

“System for Tracking, Reporting and Enforcement of Arrears for Maintenance” or “STREAM” means the electronic service accessible on the website at <https://eservices.mlaw.gov.sg/Stream/MEDlogin>, the purposes of which include the following:

- (a) the giving of directions by an MEO under section 86(1) of the Act;
- (b) the provision of any information that is required or permitted by the Act to be provided to any person.

(2) In regulations 3 and 7, a reference to “last 3 years of assessment”, “last 6 months”, “last 12 months” or “last 15 months”, in relation to any information to be provided or obtained in relation to a maintenance enforcement application (called the required information) excludes the year of assessment or month (as the case may be) in which the maintenance enforcement application was made, unless the required information for that year of assessment or month (as the case may be) is available at the time the required information is to be provided or obtained.

Prescribed information for purposes of section 84(2)(a) of Act

3.—(1) For the purposes of section 84(2)(a) of the Act, the prescribed information that an applicant may be directed by the court to provide is all or any of the following:

- (a) an up-to-date computation of the maintenance arrears;
- (b) in relation to any bank account into which maintenance was paid or is to be paid —
 - (i) information on the account balances and transactions made during the period when the maintenance arrears were allegedly not paid; and

- (ii) the bank passbook or bank statements showing the information mentioned in sub-paragraph (i);
- (c) any other supporting document for any information mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

(2) For the purposes of section 84(2)(a) of the Act, the prescribed information that a respondent may be directed by the court to provide is all or any of the following:

- (a) an up-to-date computation of the maintenance arrears;
- (b) a list of the respondent's monthly expenses and the supporting documents for the expenses;
- (c) a list of the monthly expenses of the beneficiary of the maintenance order that are paid for by the respondent, and the supporting documents for the expenses;
- (d) whether the respondent is employed or engaged in any trade, business, profession or vocation, and if so —
 - (i) information on the respondent's income from the respondent's employment and engagement in any trade, business, profession or vocation during the last 6 months; and
 - (ii) any supporting document —
 - (A) showing that the respondent is employed or engaged in any trade, business, profession or vocation (as the case may be), including any contract of service between the respondent and his or her employer; and
 - (B) showing the information mentioned in sub-paragraph (i), including any pay slips;
- (e) information on the income tax paid by the respondent for the last 3 years of assessment, and the notices of assessment of income served on the respondent under the Income Tax Act 1947 for the last 3 years of assessment;

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- (f) in relation to any bank account in which the respondent has an interest (whether or not the bank account is a Singapore bank account) —
 - (i) information on the account balances and the transactions made during —
 - (A) the period when the maintenance arrears were allegedly not paid; and
 - (B) the period of 6 months immediately before the date on which the maintenance enforcement application was made;
 - (ii) the latest account balance; and
 - (iii) the bank passbook or bank statements showing the information mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii);
 - (g) information on the transactions made in relation to any Central Provident Fund account (called in these Regulations CPF account) in the respondent's name during the last 6 months;
 - (h) information on any immovable property (whether situated in or outside Singapore) in which the respondent has a legal or beneficial interest, including (where applicable) the amount of property tax payable on the latest assessed value of each immovable property under the Property Tax Act 1960 or the laws of any country or territory outside Singapore;
 - (i) information on any motor vehicle in which the respondent has a legal or beneficial interest, including the following:
 - (i) the make, model and type of the vehicle;
 - (ii) the date on which the respondent obtained a legal or beneficial interest in the vehicle;
 - (iii) the date of expiry of the certificate of entitlement issued for the vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1961;

- (j) information on the investments currently held by the respondent, including (where applicable) statements from CDP and other financial institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2022) relating to any of those investments;
- (k) information on any private company of which the respondent is a shareholder, and the results of a “People Profile” search on the respondent from ACRA’s website at <https://www.bizfile.gov.sg>;
- (l) an up-to-date computation of the respondent’s debts and the supporting documents for the debts;
- (m) information on any debt repayment scheme under the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 or the repealed Bankruptcy Act (Cap. 20, 2009 Revised Edition) in respect of the respondent that has not ceased and the debt repayment plan of the scheme;
- (n) whether the respondent, a sole proprietorship of the respondent or a partnership of which the respondent is a partner is an undischarged bankrupt, and if so —
 - (i) each bankruptcy order made against the respondent, sole proprietorship or partnership; and
 - (ii) information on the monthly and target contributions of the respondent, sole proprietorship or partnership under the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 or the repealed Bankruptcy Act;
- (o) any other supporting document for any information mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (n).

(3) A party may provide an MEO with the prescribed information by transmitting an electronic record of the information to the MEO through STREAM or by any other means that the MEO may direct.

MEO’s direction under section 86(1) of Act — how given

4.—(1) An MEO may give a direction under section 86(1) of the Act to a party by any of the following means:

- (a) by giving the direction to the party personally;
- (b) by sending a copy of the direction by ordinary post or prepaid registered post to the party's usual or last known address;
- (c) subject to paragraph (2), by transmitting an electronic record of the direction to the party's STREAM account;
- (d) subject to paragraph (2), by transmitting a copy of the direction to the party's electronic mail address;
- (e) subject to paragraph (2), by transmitting a copy of the direction to the party's electronic address in any other messaging system;
- (f) if the party is represented by a solicitor —
 - (i) by giving the direction to the solicitor personally;
 - (ii) by sending a copy of the direction by ordinary post or prepaid registered post to the solicitor's business address;
 - (iii) by transmitting an electronic record of the direction to the business STREAM account used by the solicitor; or
 - (iv) by transmitting a copy of the direction to the electronic mail address provided by the solicitor.

(2) An MEO must not give a direction under section 86(1) of the Act to a party —

- (a) in the manner mentioned in paragraph (1)(c), unless —
 - (i) the party gives prior written consent to be given directions under section 86(1) of the Act in that manner; and
 - (ii) an MEO has made reasonable efforts to notify the party how the party may retrieve electronic records of directions from the party's STREAM account;

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- (b) in the manner mentioned in paragraph (1)(d), unless —
- (i) the party gives prior written consent to be given directions under section 86(1) of the Act in that manner; and
 - (ii) the party provides the party's electronic mail address for the purpose of the giving of directions in that manner; and
- (c) in the manner mentioned in paragraph (1)(e), unless —
- (i) the party gives prior written consent to be given directions under section 86(1) of the Act in that manner;
 - (ii) the party specifies the messaging system in the written consent; and
 - (iii) the party provides the party's electronic address for the purpose of the giving of directions in that manner.
- (3) Unless otherwise proven, a direction under section 86(1) of the Act is deemed to be given to a party —
- (a) if given in the manner mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) or (f)(ii) — on the day after the copy of the direction would, in the ordinary course of post, be delivered, except if it is returned undelivered; and
 - (b) if given in the manner mentioned in paragraph (1)(c), (d), (e) or (f)(iii) or (iv) — at the time when the electronic record of the direction or the electronic mail or electronic message containing the copy of the direction (as the case may be) becomes capable of being retrieved by the party or the party's solicitor, as the case may be.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (3)(b), an electronic record, electronic mail or electronic message is presumed to be capable of being retrieved by the party or the party's solicitor (as the case may be) mentioned in paragraph (1) when it reaches the STREAM account mentioned in paragraph (1)(c) or (f)(iii), the electronic mail address mentioned in paragraph (1)(d) or (f)(iv) or the electronic address mentioned in paragraph (1)(e) (as the case may be), unless it is proven

to be not capable of being retrieved by the party or the party's solicitor, as the case may be.

(5) In this regulation —

“electronic address” includes a mobile telephone number and an account name;

“messaging system” means an information system that enables the transmission of messages (in whatever form) through the Internet or a mobile telephone network.

Conduct of interviews and conciliation sessions

5. An MEO may conduct the interview mentioned in section 86(1)(b) of the Act or any conciliation session in person or through any electronic means of communication (including a live video link, a live television link and a live audio link), as the MEO thinks fit.

Prescribed third parties and prescribed conditions for purposes of section 86(4) of Act

6.—(1) For the purposes of section 86(4)(a) of the Act, the prescribed third parties are the following:

- (a) ACRA;
- (b) CDP;
- (c) CPF Board;
- (d) HDB;
- (e) IRAS;
- (f) LTA;
- (g) the Government, represented by MSF;
- (h) the Official Assignee;
- (i) SLA.

(2) For the purposes of section 86(4)(a) and (b)(ii) of the Act, the prescribed condition in relation to IRAS is that either —

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- (a) the court has —
- (i) granted permission to an MEO to direct IRAS to provide the information to an MEO; and
 - (ii) specified in writing the prescribed category or categories of information that the information is in; or
- (b) the following persons have consented to IRAS providing the information to an MEO:
- (i) the party to whom the information relates;
 - (ii) if the information relates to immovable property — all the owners (as defined in section 2(1) of the Property Tax Act 1960) of the immovable property.
- (3) For the purposes of section 86(4)(b) of the Act, the prescribed third parties are the following:
- (a) ACRA;
 - (b) CPF Board;
 - (c) HDB;
 - (d) IRAS;
 - (e) LTA;
 - (f) the Government, represented by MSF;
 - (g) the Official Assignee;
 - (h) SLA.
- (4) For the purposes of section 86(4)(b)(i) of the Act, the prescribed data-sharing platforms are the following:
- (a) Datahive;
 - (b) the Debt Repayment Scheme 2 Platform;
 - (c) the Insolvency Case Management Platform;
 - (d) One Client View;
 - (e) the Vehicle Registration and Licensing System;

(f) any other data-sharing platform (called the alternative data-sharing platform), if —

- (i) any information that was made available by a prescribed third party on any data-sharing platform mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) is no longer available on that platform; and
- (ii) the information mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) is made available by the prescribed third party on the alternative data-sharing platform.

(5) In these Regulations —

“Datahive” means the information system accessible on the website at <https://datahive.gov.sg>;

“Debt Repayment Scheme 2 Platform” means the information system accessible on the website at <https://ipto.intranet.mlaw.gov.sg/drs>;

“Insolvency Case Management Platform” means the information system accessible on the website at <https://icmp.intranet.mlaw.gov.sg/prweb/soe/>;

“One Client View” means the information system accessible on the website at <https://intranet.onecv.gov.sg/>;

“Vehicle Registration and Licensing System” means the information system accessible on the website at <https://vrl.lta.gov.sg>.

(6) In paragraph (5), any reference to any website on which an information system is accessible (called the original website) includes a reference to any other website (called the alternative website), if —

- (a) the information system is no longer accessible on the original website; and
- (b) the information system is accessible on the alternative website.

Prescribed categories of information for purposes of section 86(6) of Act

7.—(1) For the purposes of section 86(6) of the Act, the prescribed categories of information are —

(a) in relation to a bank — the following information:

- (i) whether the bank has opened any Singapore bank account in any of the following names, and if so, how many accounts:
 - (A) a party's name;
 - (B) the joint names of a party and any other person;
 - (C) the name of a party's sole proprietorship;
- (ii) in relation to any Singapore bank account mentioned in sub-paragraph (i), the following information:
 - (A) where applicable, the name of every account holder (other than the party) mentioned in sub-paragraph (i)(B);
 - (B) the account type, account number and latest account balance;
 - (C) information on the account balances and the transactions made during the period of 3 years immediately before the date on which the maintenance enforcement application was made;
- (iii) whether a party owns any of the following products, and if so, information on the product:
 - (A) any insurance or investment product distributed by the bank;
 - (B) any insurance or investment product that the bank maintains records of;
- (iv) whether a party maintains any safe deposit box in the bank, and if so, how many boxes;

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- (v) any document prepared by the bank for the purpose of complying with any court order made under section 86(3) of the Act or any bank statement, which shows the information mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv);
 - (b) in relation to ACRA — the following information, if made available by ACRA on One Client View, but not any information relating to any company specified in any notification made under section 12(2A) of the Companies Act 1967:
 - (i) whether a party is or was a shareholder or director of any corporate entity;
 - (ii) in relation to any corporate entity that a party is or was a shareholder or director of, the following information:
 - (A) the name of the entity;
 - (B) the Unique Entity Number of the entity;
 - (C) the type of the entity;
 - (D) the primary and secondary activities of the entity;
 - (E) the registration date, business commencement date and (where applicable) deregistration date of the entity;
 - (F) the date on which the party became a shareholder or director (as the case may be) of the entity;
 - (G) where applicable, the date on which the party ceased to be a shareholder or director (as the case may be) of the entity;
 - (c) in relation to CDP — the following information:
 - (i) whether there is any CDP account in any of the following names, and if so, how many accounts:
 - (A) a party's name;

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- (B) the joint names of a party and any other person;
 - (C) the name of a party's sole proprietorship;
 - (ii) in relation to any CDP account mentioned in sub-paragraph (i), the following information:
 - (A) where applicable, the name of every account holder (other than the party) mentioned in sub-paragraph (i)(B);
 - (B) the account number;
 - (C) information on any securities (as defined in section 81SF of the Securities and Futures Act 2001) held using the account, including the quantity and market value of each security;
 - (D) information on the transactions made during the period of 3 years immediately before the date on which the maintenance enforcement application was made;
 - (iii) statements showing the information mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii);
- (d) in relation to the CPF Board — the following information, if made available by the CPF Board on One Client View:
- (i) whether there is any CPF account in a party's name;
 - (ii) in relation to any CPF account in a party's name (called in this paragraph a party's CPF account), the following information:
 - (A) the type of the account;
 - (B) the latest net account balance;
 - (iii) information on any contribution paid to a party's CPF account during the last 15 months, including the following:
 - (A) the amount of the contribution;
 - (B) the date of the contribution;

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- (C) the period of time in respect of which the contribution was made;
 - (D) the reason for the contribution;
 - (E) the source of the contribution;
 - (iv) information on any refund paid to a party's CPF account in relation to any immovable property, including the following:
 - (A) the amount of the refund;
 - (B) the date of the refund;
 - (C) the reason for the refund;
 - (D) the address of the immovable property;
 - (v) information on any deduction from a party's CPF account in relation to any immovable property, including the following:
 - (A) the amount of the deduction;
 - (B) where applicable, information on the interest charged on the deduction;
 - (vi) information on any withdrawal from a party's CPF account in relation to any investment, including the name of the agent bank for the investment;
 - (vii) information on any other withdrawal from a party's CPF account made during the last 12 months, including the following:
 - (A) the amount of the withdrawal;
 - (B) the date of the withdrawal;
 - (C) the reason for the withdrawal;
 - (viii) information on any transfer or top-up to any retirement account (as defined in section 2(1) of the Central Provident Fund Act 1953) in a party's name made during the last 15 months, including the following:

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- (A) the amount of the transfer or top-up;
 - (B) the date of the transfer or top-up;
 - (C) the source of the transfer or top-up;
 - (ix) whether any insurance scheme or annuity scheme under the Central Provident Fund Act 1953 is applicable to a party, and if so, information on the scheme, including the following:
 - (A) the period of coverage;
 - (B) the assured sum;
 - (C) the scheme provider;
 - (D) information on any payout under the scheme, including the date of the payout and the reason for the payout;
 - (e) in relation to HDB — the following information, if made available by HDB on One Client View:
 - (i) whether a party has any legal interest in any HDB flat or has rented any HDB flat from HDB, and if so, information relating to the HDB flat, including the following:
 - (A) the address of the flat;
 - (B) the flat type;
 - (C) where applicable, the date on which the party purchased the flat;
 - (D) the date on which the party's interest in the flat was acquired by the party;
 - (E) the start date of the lease or tenancy (as the case may be) granted to the party over the flat;
 - (F) the term of the lease granted to the party over the flat;
 - (G) whether the whole or part of the flat was rented by any other person from the party;

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- (H) information on any housing scheme or programme applicable to the flat;
 - (I) information on any loan given by HDB to the party in relation to the flat, including the time remaining for the loan to be fully repaid and the outstanding amount under the loan;
 - (J) information on any grant given to the party in relation to the flat;
 - (K) information on any mortgage obtained by the party on the flat, including the amount of the mortgage payments, whether the mortgage payments are in arrears and (where applicable) the amount of arrears and the period during which the mortgage payments are in arrears;
 - (L) information on any financial assistance given to the party by HDB in relation to the flat, including the type of financial assistance and the period during which the financial assistance was given;
 - (M) information on any other type of financing obtained by the party in relation to the flat;
 - (N) where applicable, the amount of rent;
 - (O) where applicable, whether the rent is in arrears, the amount of arrears and the period during which the rent is in arrears;
 - (ii) whether any other person resides in any HDB flat in which a party has a legal interest or any HDB flat which the party has rented from HDB, and if so, information on the person, including the following:
 - (A) the person's name;
 - (B) the person's date of birth;
 - (C) the person's relationship to the party;

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- (iii) whether a party has sold any HDB flat in which the party has a legal interest to any other person, and if so, information on the sale, including the following:
 - (A) the finalised date of the sale;
 - (B) the amount of the sale proceeds;
 - (iv) where applicable, information on a party's last known residential address, including the following:
 - (A) the date on which the party started residing at the address;
 - (B) where applicable, the date on which the party stopped residing at the address;
 - (v) any case reference number assigned by HDB to a party;
 - (f) in relation to IRAS — the following information, but not any excluded information:
 - (i) whether a party is the owner (as defined in section 2(1) of the Property Tax Act 1960) of any residential or commercial immovable property situated in Singapore, and if so, information on the immovable property, including the following:
 - (A) the address of the property;
 - (B) the latest annual value of the property;
 - (ii) whether a party has any income from each of the following sources and if so, information on the party's annual income from each source for the last 3 years of assessment:
 - (A) the party's employment;
 - (B) the party's engagement in any trade, business, profession or vocation as a sole proprietor, self-employed individual or partner in any partnership;

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- (C) any rent, royalties, premiums and other profits arising from property;
 - (D) any estate under administration or trust;
 - (E) any other source;
 - (g) in relation to LTA — the following information, if made available by LTA on Datahive or the Vehicle Registration and Licensing System:
 - (i) whether a party is registered as the owner of any motor vehicle, and if so, information on the motor vehicle, including the following:
 - (A) the make, model, type and other details of the vehicle;
 - (B) the date on which the party obtained ownership of the vehicle;
 - (C) the date on which the vehicle was first registered under the Road Traffic Act 1961 and the registration number of the vehicle under that Act;
 - (D) whether the vehicle is deregistered;
 - (E) the date of expiry of the certificate of entitlement issued for the vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1961;
 - (F) information on any insurance obtained by the party in relation to the vehicle;
 - (ii) where applicable, a party's address, as registered in the Vehicle Registration and Licensing System;
 - (h) in relation to the Government (as represented by MSF) — the following information, if made available by MSF on One Client View:
 - (i) whether any assistance or grant was provided to a party under the Community Care Endowment Fund Act 2005, and if so, information on the assistance or grant, including the following:

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- (A) the period during which the assistance or grant was provided;
 - (B) the type of the assistance or grant;
 - (C) the agency that provided the assistance or grant;
 - (D) the amount of the assistance or grant;
 - (E) the beneficiaries of the assistance or grant;
 - (F) the caseworker assigned to the party;
 - (ii) any case reference number assigned by MSF to a party;
 - (i) in relation to the Official Assignee — the following information, if made available by the Official Assignee on the Insolvency Case Management Platform or the Debt Repayment Scheme 2 Platform:
 - (i) whether a party, a sole proprietorship of a party or a partnership of which a party is a partner is an undischarged bankrupt, and if so, information on each bankruptcy order made against the party, sole proprietorship or partnership, including the following:
 - (A) the date of the order;
 - (B) the date of the application for the order;
 - (C) the name of the sole proprietorship or partnership;
 - (ii) where the party, sole proprietorship or partnership mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) is an undischarged bankrupt — information on the bankruptcy, including the following:
 - (A) the date on which the statements of affairs for the bankruptcy were submitted to the Official Assignee;

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- (B) the bankruptcy case number assigned to the party, sole proprietorship or partnership;
 - (C) the administration date of the bankruptcy;
 - (D) information on the monthly and target contributions of the party, sole proprietorship or partnership under the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 or the repealed Bankruptcy Act;
 - (iii) whether there is any debt repayment scheme under the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 or the repealed Bankruptcy Act in respect of a party that has not ceased, and if so, information on the debt repayment scheme, including the following:
 - (A) the debt repayment scheme case number assigned to the scheme;
 - (B) information on the debt repayment plan of the scheme;
 - (C) the commencement date of the scheme;
 - (D) the status of the scheme;
 - (E) the status of the statement of affairs for the scheme;
 - (F) information on the amounts payable or paid by the party under the debt repayment scheme, including the total amount payable, the amount of each instalment payable, the amount paid by the party, the amount outstanding from the party and (where applicable) the amount in arrears; and
 - (j) in relation to SLA — the following information, if made available by SLA on Datahive or through any other means:
 - (i) whether a party has or previously had any legal interest in any private immovable property situated

in Singapore, and if so, information on the private immovable property, including the following:

- (A) the lot number of the property;
 - (B) the address of the property;
 - (C) the area of the property;
 - (D) the tenure of the property;
 - (E) the title document of the property;
 - (F) information on the party's interest in the property, including (where applicable) the duration of any lease granted to the party over the property, the registration number of the lease, the start and end dates of the lease and the party's share in the land (as a tenant-in-common);
 - (G) information on the instrument by which the interest was acquired by the party, including the date of the instrument, the date of registration of the instrument and the registration number of the instrument;
 - (H) where applicable, information on the consideration given by the party for the party's interest in the property;
- (ii) whether any other person has any legal interest in any private immovable property situated in Singapore that a party has a legal interest in, and if so, information on the person, including the following:
- (A) the person's name;
 - (B) the person's identification number;
 - (C) information on the person's interest in the property;
 - (D) whether the person and the party are joint tenants or tenants-in-common of the property;

(E) any legal disability the person may be under;

- (iii) whether a party has lodged any caveat against, or any other instrument relating to, any immovable property situated in Singapore, and if so, information on the property.

(2) In paragraph (1), a reference to any prescribed data-sharing platform (called the original platform), in relation to a prescribed third party, includes a reference to any other data-sharing platform (called the alternative platform), if —

- (a) any information that was made available by the prescribed third party on the original platform is no longer available on that platform; and
- (b) the information mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) is made available by the prescribed third party on the alternative platform.

(3) In this regulation, “excluded information” means any information received by IRAS under either of the following:

- (a) an arrangement between the Government and the government of any country or territory outside Singapore, which has effect under section 49 or 105BA of the Income Tax Act 1947;
- (b) an agreement or arrangement between either of the following, to which Part 20B of the Income Tax Act 1947 applies:
- (i) the Government and the government of any country or territory outside Singapore;
- (ii) the Minister charged with the responsibility for finance or the Minister’s authorised representative and the authority of any country or territory outside Singapore that exercises powers or carries out duties corresponding to a power or duty of the Minister or the Minister’s authorised representative under the Income Tax Act 1947 and other laws relating to tax.

Prescribed matters and information for purposes of section 89(1)(b) of Act

8. For the purposes of section 89(1)(b) of the Act, the prescribed matters and information to be contained in an MEO's report in relation to a referred application under section 84(1) of the Act are the following:

- (a) the date of each conciliation session convened or conducted by an MEO in relation to the referred application;
- (b) whether the applicant or respondent attended each conciliation session mentioned in paragraph (a) on each date fixed by an MEO, and if not, the reason for the applicant's or respondent's non-attendance, as the case may be;
- (c) a summary of the matters discussed at each conciliation session mentioned in paragraph (a), including what the parties agreed and disagreed on;
- (d) the outcome of each conciliation session mentioned in paragraph (a);
- (e) whether an MEO referred any party to financial assistance under section 85 of the Act, and if so, the outcome of the referral, including whether the outcome is still pending;
- (f) whether the party mentioned in paragraph (e) received the financial assistance, and if so, the details of the financial assistance received by the party;
- (g) any other matter or information relating to the referred application that, in the MEO's opinion, should be brought to the court's attention.

Provision of interim report to parties

9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an MEO must provide an interim report prepared under section 89(2) of the Act to both parties at the same time as far as reasonably practicable.

(2) If an interim report contains information on a notable disposition of property by the respondent that has not yet been made or completed —

- (a) the MEO must provide the interim report to the applicant before providing it to the respondent; and
- (b) the MEO must not provide the interim report to the respondent before the expiry of 14 days after the interim report is provided to the applicant.

(3) In paragraph (2), a “notable disposition of property” means any disposition or intended disposition of property that the MEO thinks the applicant ought to be notified of.

Prescribed proceedings for purposes of section 91(1)(b) of Act

10.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), for the purposes of section 91(1)(b) of the Act, the prescribed proceedings are the following:

- (a) any proceedings arising from an application for any of the following orders, including any appeal against any decision of the court on the application:
 - (i) an order for the payment of monthly sums or a lump sum for the maintenance of a wife, an incapacitated husband or a child, made or deemed to be made by a court under Part 8 of the Act;
 - (ii) an order for the payment of monthly or periodical sums or a lump sum by way of maintenance or alimony to a wife or former wife or an incapacitated husband or incapacitated former husband, or by way of maintenance for the benefit of any child, under Part 10 of the Act;
 - (iii) an order for the payment of money in respect of the maintenance of an infant made under the Guardianship of Infants Act 1934;
- (b) any proceedings arising from an application to vary, suspend, discharge, rescind, set aside or revoke any

order mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), including any appeal against any decision of the court on the application;

- (c) any proceedings relating to a division of matrimonial assets when granting or subsequent to the grant of a judgment of divorce, judicial separation or nullity of marriage under Part 10 of the Act, including any appeal against any decision of the court in the proceedings.

(2) Where any of the proceedings mentioned in paragraph (1) is an appeal against a decision of a lower court in proceedings in which the MEO's report was not admitted, nothing in that paragraph derogates from any rule of law on the admissibility of fresh evidence in an appeal.

Fees payable to MEO

11.—(1) In this regulation and the Schedule —

“chief maintenance enforcement officer” or “chief MEO” means the individual appointed as the chief maintenance enforcement officer under section 77(1) of the Act;

“maintenance enforcement officer's fees” or “MEO's fees” means the fee payable under paragraph (2).

(2) The respondent in a maintenance enforcement application must pay the fee specified in the second column of Part 1 of the Schedule for the provision by an MEO of any service specified opposite in the first column in relation to that maintenance enforcement application, by the date specified by an MEO to the respondent.

(3) The chief MEO may, having regard to the circumstances of the case and subject to any condition that the chief MEO thinks fit —

- (a) waive, refund or remit the whole or part of any MEO's fees or any interest charged on the MEO's fees;
- (b) permit the payment of the whole or part of any MEO's fees by instalments; and
- (c) unless the date specified by an MEO to the respondent under paragraph (2) has passed — allow the payment of the whole or any part of the MEO's fees by any later date.

(4) Interest is charged on MEO's fees in accordance with the Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 11(1), (2) and (4)

PART 1

MEO'S FEES

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Service</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1. The reviewing of information relating to the maintenance enforcement application and the convening and conduct of the first conciliation session (whether or not any party attends the first conciliation session)	\$180

PART 2

INTEREST ON MEO'S FEES

Interest on MEO's fees paid by instalments

1.—(1) If the chief MEO permits the payment of any part of any MEO's fees by instalments under regulation 11(3)(b), interest is charged on that part of the MEO's fees, at the rate of 1.5% points above the 3-month compounded SORA, from the day after the specified date until that part of the MEO's fees is fully paid or until the due date of the last instalment, whichever is earlier.

(2) The interest charged under sub-paragraph (1) is charged in addition to any interest that may be charged under paragraph 2.

Interest on late payment of MEO's fees

2.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), if any part of any MEO's fees is not paid by the specified date, interest is charged on that part of the MEO's fees, at the rate of 4.5% points above the 3-month compounded SORA, from the day after the specified date until that part of the MEO's fees is fully paid.

(2) If the chief MEO permits the payment of any MEO's fees by instalments under regulation 11(3)(b), the following apply instead of sub-paragraph (1):

- (a) if any instalment of the MEO's fees is not paid by the due date of that instalment, interest is charged on that instalment, at the rate of 4.5% points above the 3-month compounded SORA, from the day after the due date of that instalment until that instalment is fully paid;

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- (b) if the chief MEO grants the permission under regulation 11(3)(b) after the specified date, interest is charged on any part of the MEO's fees that was not paid by the specified date, at the rate of 3% points above the 3-month compounded SORA, from the day after the specified date until the chief MEO grants the permission under regulation 11(3)(b).

PART 3

DEFINITIONS

In this Schedule —

“3-month compounded SORA”, in relation to a period, means —

- (a) if the period or a part of the period falls within the 6-month period beginning on 1 April of a calendar year, then, for the period or the part (as the case may be) — the compounded average of the SORA values for a 3-month period computed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore using the prescribed methodology, and published —

- (i) on its Internet website at <https://www.mas.gov.sg>; or
- (ii) where the website is unavailable to the public, in any other form that is readily accessible by the public,

on either of the following days:

- (iii) if 1 March of that calendar year is a business day — that day;
 - (iv) if 1 March of that calendar year is not a business day — the last business day in February of that calendar year;
- or
- (b) if the period or a part of the period falls within the 6-month period beginning on 1 October of a calendar year, then, for the period or the part (as the case may be) — the compounded average of the SORA values for a 3-month period computed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore using the prescribed methodology, and published —

- (i) on its Internet website at <https://www.mas.gov.sg>; or

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- (ii) where the website is unavailable to the public, in any other form that is readily accessible by the public,

on either of the following days:

- (iii) if 1 September of that calendar year is a business day — that day;
- (iv) if 1 September of that calendar year is not a business day — the last business day in August of that calendar year;

“bank holiday” means a day declared by the Monetary Authority of Singapore to be a bank holiday under section 60(1) of the Banking Act 1970;

“business day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or bank holiday;

“Monetary Authority of Singapore” means the Monetary Authority of Singapore established by section 3 of the Monetary Authority of Singapore Act 1970;

“prescribed methodology” means the methodology set out in the document called “Compounded Singapore Overnight Rate Average Index (“SORA Index”), Compounded SORA and MAS Floating Rate Notes (“MAS FRN”): A User Guide” dated 16 March 2021;

“Singapore Overnight Rate Average” or “SORA” means the volume-weighted average rate of borrowing transactions in the unsecured overnight interbank Singapore dollar cash market in Singapore between 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m., as published by the Monetary Authority of Singapore —

- (a) on its Internet website at <https://www.mas.gov.sg>; or
- (b) where the website is unavailable to the public, in any other form that is readily accessible by the public;

“specified date”, in relation to any part of any MEO’s fees payable by a respondent, means —

- (a) the date specified by an MEO to the respondent under regulation 11(2) (whether or not the chief MEO permits the payment of any part of the MEO’s fees by instalments under regulation 11(3)(b)); or

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- (b) if the chief MEO allows the respondent to pay that part of the MEO's fees by any later date under regulation 11(3)(c) — that later date.

Made on 19 December 2024.

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