

Prisons (Lock-ups in Specified Court Houses) Regulations 2011

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PRISONS ACT (CHAPTER 247)

PRISONS (LOCK-UPS IN SPECIFIED COURT HOUSES) REGULATIONS 2011

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(3) of the Prisons Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Prisons (Lock-ups in Specified Court Houses) Regulations 2011 and shall come into operation on 31st October 2011.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“authorised officer” means —

- (a) a prison officer; or
- (b) an auxiliary police officer who is employed as an escort or a guard to ensure the safe custody of the lock-up prisoners who are under his custody while the lock-up prisoners are transported to, or from, any lock-up and while the lock-up prisoners are at any place outside a lock-up;

“auxiliary police officer” has the same meaning as in section 50B(5) of the Act;

“court house lock-up” means a lock-up to which, or in relation to which, these Regulations apply under regulation 3.

Application

3.—(1) These Regulations shall apply to, and in relation to, any lock-up in a court house referred to in paragraph (2) that is appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* pursuant to section 4(1) of the Act to be a place for the confinement of persons awaiting trial, remanded, or sentenced to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

(2) The court houses to which paragraph (1) applies are —

- (a) the Supreme Court of Singapore at No. 1 Supreme Court Lane, Singapore 178879; and
- (b) the State Courts Towers at No. 1 Havelock Square, Singapore 059724.

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General charge and administration of lock-ups

4.—(1) The general charge and administration of court house lock-ups, and the control of officers in charge of or attached to a court house lock-up, shall be vested in the Director.

(2) The Director shall appoint by office a prison officer not below the rank of Assistant Superintendent to be the officer-in-charge of each court house lock-up.

(3) The officer-in-charge shall ensure that all laws, regulations and orders relating to the court house lock-up, lock-up prisoners, authorised officers and other staff are strictly adhered to and all records are properly maintained.

Condition of cells in lock-ups

5. The officer-in-charge shall —

- (a) ensure that the court house lock-up is clean;
- (b) ensure that sanitary arrangements in the court house lock-up are in a satisfactory condition;
- (c) cause the state of the court house lock-up cells and their security features to be examined frequently;
- (d) cause all prohibited articles found in a court house lock-up to be seized; and
- (e) cause a report to be made of any seizure of any prohibited article.

Duties

6. A prison officer shall be detailed daily by the officer-in-charge to ensure that —

- (a) all necessary parts of the court house lock-up are inspected;