

Public Order (Unrestricted Area — Speakers' Corner) Order 2020

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THE SCHEDULE Speakers' Corner in Hong Lim Park

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PUBLIC ORDER ACT (CHAPTER 257A)

PUBLIC ORDER (UNRESTRICTED AREA — SPEAKERS' CORNER) ORDER 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Public Order Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Public Order (Unrestricted Area — Speakers’ Corner) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 14 July 2020.

Definitions

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

“company” means a company incorporated in Singapore under the Companies Act (Cap. 50);

“real-time transmission”, in relation to the act of public speaking at an assembly or a procession, means the simultaneous audio or visual transmission, through the Internet or other form of communication network, to the place of that assembly or procession, of the act of public speaking at another place, including any reasonable period of delay, due to any technical or other reason, between the act of public speaking and the audio or visual transmission of such act;

“recording” means any disc, magnetic tape or solid state recording device containing information by the use of which sound (whether or not accompanied by images) may be produced electronically;

“Singapore-controlled corporation” means a body corporate incorporated under any written law in Singapore —

- (a) with a management body (whether called an executive or board of directors or otherwise), the majority of whose members (whether called directors, partners or otherwise) are citizens of Singapore; and
- (b) with a majority of members who are citizens of Singapore or one or more Singapore entities or, in the case of a company having a share capital, the majority of whose shares are held by citizens of Singapore or one or more Singapore entities;

“Singapore-controlled partnership” means —

- (a) a partnership registered under the Business Names Registration Act 2014 (Act 29 of 2014) in Singapore, the majority of whose partners are citizens of Singapore or one or more Singapore entities; or
- (b) a limited partnership registered under the Limited Partnerships Act (Cap. 163B) in Singapore —
 - (i) the majority of whose general partners as defined in that Act are citizens of Singapore or one or more Singapore entities; and

- (ii) the majority of whose limited partners as defined in that Act are citizens of Singapore or one or more Singapore entities;

“Singapore-controlled unincorporated association” means an unincorporated association formed in Singapore under any written law —

- (a) with a management body (whether called a committee or council or otherwise), the majority of whose officers are citizens of Singapore; and
- (b) the majority of whose members are citizens of Singapore or one or more Singapore entities;

“Singapore entity” means a Singapore-controlled corporation, a Singapore-controlled partnership or a Singapore-controlled unincorporated association;

“Speakers’ Corner area” means the area designated by paragraph 3.

(2) This Order applies to and in relation to an assembly or a procession, whether or not it is held in combination with a play-reading, recital, performance or an exhibition.

Unrestricted area

3. The public place known as Speakers’ Corner in Hong Lim Park and described in the Schedule (called in this Order the Speakers’ Corner area) is designated to be an area where assemblies or processions may be held without a notice being given or a permit being granted under sections 6 and 7 of the Act.

Conditions for public speaking

4.—(1) An individual who engages in public speaking at an assembly or a procession in the Speakers’ Corner area must —

- (a) be a citizen of Singapore; and
- (b) comply with all the conditions stated in sub-paragraph (2).

(2) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (1)(b), the conditions are as follows:

- (a) the individual must not, while engaging in public speaking in the Speakers’ Corner area —
 - (i) speak about a matter that relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
 - (ii) speak about a matter, or a matter in a way, that may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different