

# **Singapore Food Agency (Certification Marks) Regulations 2019**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 48 of the Singapore Food Agency Act 2019, the Singapore Food Agency, with the approval of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Singapore Food Agency (Certification Marks) Regulations 2019 and come into operation on 2 April 2019.

**Definitions**

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

“advertisement” includes any notice, circular, pamphlet, brochure, sign, label, wrapper, invoice or other document, and any public announcement or notice made orally, in writing or by means of producing or transmitting light or sound;

“approved standard” means the standard for a system, scheme or product accepted by the Agency for the purpose of issuing a certificate for that system, scheme or product, as the case may be;

“authorised officer” means —

(a) the Chief Executive; or

(b) an employee of the Agency to whom the Agency has delegated in accordance with section 29(1) of the Act the performance or exercise of any of its functions or powers under these Regulations;

“certificate” means a document issued by an authorised officer under these Regulations —

(a) attesting to the conformity of a system, scheme or product with an approved standard; and

(b) authorising the use of a certification mark;

“certificate holder” means a person who holds a valid certificate;

“certification mark” means a certification mark specified by the Agency under section 6(2)(r) of the Act.

### **Application for or renewal of certificate**

3.—(1) Every application for the issue or renewal of a certificate must be —

- (a) made to the Agency in the form and manner required by an authorised officer; and
- (b) accompanied by the information and documents required by the authorised officer.

(2) In determining whether to issue or renew a certificate, an authorised officer may inspect the system, scheme or product in respect of which the application has been made and, if necessary, take any sample of any article, material, substance or thing for further examination.

(3) The costs of any inspection or examination under paragraph (2) must be borne by the applicant for the certificate.

### **Issue of certificate**

4.—(1) An authorised officer may, subject to such conditions as the authorised officer thinks fit, issue a certificate to an applicant if the authorised officer is satisfied that —

- (a) the system, scheme or product in respect of which the application is made conforms to the approved standard; and
- (b) the applicant has in operation procedures for inspection, monitoring and testing to ensure that the system, scheme or product in respect of which the applicant has applied for a certificate continues to meet the approved standard for the duration of the certificate.

(2) In determining whether to issue a certificate, an authorised officer may consider —

- (a) the character and fitness of the applicant to be issued with a certificate, or where the applicant is a body corporate, the character and fitness of the members of its board of directors or management committee;
- (b) the ability of the applicant to comply with the requirements of the Agency for certification of the system, scheme or product in respect of which the application is made; and
- (c) the suitability of the applicant’s business premises, including the facilities