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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 14 January 2019 and assented to by the President on 11 February 2019:—

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**No. 5 of 2019.**

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*President.*  
11 February 2019.

(LS)

An Act to amend the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 137 of the 2003 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act is the Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister charged with the responsibility for regulation of diseases and disease control appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Infectious Diseases Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “AIDS” and substituting the following definition:

““appropriate Minister” means —

(a) in the following cases, the Minister charged with the responsibility for health and sanitary measures in relation to vessels, aircraft, vehicles and persons entering or leaving Singapore:

(i) the establishment of any advisory committee for the purpose of giving advice to the Director-General under section 5;

(ii) any purpose relating to sections 28, 29 and 33 to 45, including the making of subsidiary legislation in relation to any of those sections; or

(b) in any other case, the Minister charged with the responsibility for regulation of diseases and disease control;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “contact”, the following definition:

““contact tracing measure” means any measure to facilitate the tracing of contacts of an infectious disease;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “HIV Infection”, the following definition:

““individually-identifiable”, when used to describe information or samples pertaining to a person, means that the identity of that person can be readily discovered or ascertained from that information or sample;”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “master”, the following definition:

““medical examination” includes the carrying out by a person (called the examiner) of any of the measures mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (f), with a view to ascertaining a person’s state of health, whether or not the examiner is present with the person being examined:

- (a) physical examination of the person;
- (b) obtaining the person’s bodily samples;
- (c) obtaining images of, or measuring, the person’s physiology;
- (d) measuring or monitoring the person’s physiological signs;
- (e) obtaining the clinical history of the person;
- (f) a measure to facilitate the carrying out of anything in paragraphs (a) to (e);”;

(e) by deleting the definition of “Minister”; and

(f) by deleting the definition of “surveillance” and substituting the following definition:

““surveillance” means subjecting a person or persons to medical examinations or observations carried out over a period of time (whether or not continuously) and includes carrying out any measures to facilitate those medical examinations or observations;”.

### **Amendment of section 3**

**3.** Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “Minister” in subsections (1) and (2) and substituting in each case the words “appropriate Minister”;
- (b) by deleting the words “and VI” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “, VI and VIIA and sections 26, 27, 31, 32, 45A and 45B”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “Part V” in subsection (2), the words “, except sections 26, 27, 31, 32, 45A and 45B”; and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(5) To avoid doubt, Part V does not prevent the exercise of any power conferred by another Part in relation to any vessel, person or article to which Part V applies.”.

### **Amendment of section 6**

**4.** Section 6 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “an infectious disease” in subsections (1), (2) and (6) and substituting in each case the words “a prescribed infectious disease”;
- (b) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

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“(3) A person in a prescribed class, who is aware or suspects that —

- (a) another person is suffering from, or is a carrier of, a prescribed infectious disease; or
- (b) another person has died whilst suffering from, or being a carrier of, a prescribed infectious disease,

must notify the Director, within the prescribed time and in such form or manner as the Director may require, of the fact in paragraph (a) or (b), as the case may be.”; and

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “Notification of” in the section heading, the word “prescribed”.

#### **Amendment of section 7**

5. Section 7(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(a) to furnish the Director, within or at the times and in the form or manner the Director specifies, with any of the following where the Director requires:
  - (i) any information (known to the person at those times);
  - (ii) any sample of any substance or matter in the possession or control of that person at those times, whether obtained under this Act or otherwise; and
- (b) to submit to a medical examination at the times the Director specifies.”.