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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 2 October 2018 and assented to by the President on 31 October 2018:—

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**No. 48 of 2018.**

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,

*President.*

*31 October 2018.*



An Act to amend the Environmental Public Health Act (Chapter 95 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (Chapter 30C of the 2008 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 Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Environmental Public Health Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “private street”, the following definition:

““progressive wage model bonus” means a discretionary amount of money payable to a cleaner that is in addition to all of the following paid to the cleaner:

(a) any basic wage;

(b) any overtime payment;

(c) any sum to reimburse the cleaner for special expenses incurred during the cleaner’s employment;

(d) any allowance however described;”;  
and

(b) by deleting the words “section 80H(2)” in the definition of “specified amount” and substituting the words “section 80H(2)(a)”.

**Amendment of section 16**

3. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Despite subsection (1), any refuse, waste and filth of every sort, and any other matter or thing, that is conveyed within the refuse pipeline networks of any DPWCS established under Part IIIA is also the property of the Agency which the Agency may sell or dispose of as the Agency thinks fit.”.

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**Amendment of section 17**

4. Section 17(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “public place” in paragraphs (a), (b), (f) and (g), the words “, except in a dustbin or other receptacle provided for the deposit of refuse and rubbish”.

**New Part IIIA**

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 31D, the following Part:

**“PART IIIA**

**DISTRICT PNEUMATIC WASTE CONVEYANCE SYSTEM**

**Interpretation of this Part**

**31E.** In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —

“air and ventilation networks” means —

- (a) all air and ventilation transmission pipelines or interconnected transmission pipelines; and
- (b) other devices and equipment (including pressure regulating and control valves),

used or intended for, or for purposes connected with, conveying or transporting refuse or waste by air suction;

“connection point” means a point situated in, or in immediate proximity to, any premises in a DPWCS area where the refuse pipeline networks are connected to the related internal assets;

“District Pneumatic Waste Conveyance System” or “DPWCS” means a pneumatic waste conveyance system that is established, or required to be established, for a DPWCS area;

“DPWCS area” means an area declared under section 31G(1);

“DPWCS licence” means a licence granted under section 31J to —

- (a) establish, operate or maintain a pneumatic waste conveyance system for a DPWCS area; or
- (b) do any combination of 2 or more things in paragraph (a);

“DPWCS licensee” means a person to whom a DPWCS licence is granted under this Act;

“pneumatic waste conveyance system” means an automated waste collection system that conveys or transports refuse or waste by air suction from individual premises through a network of pipes to a central location for collection and that consists of —

- (a) air and ventilation networks;
- (b) refuse pipeline networks; and
- (c) related internal assets,

but does not include any disposal facility;

“refuse pipeline networks” —

- (a) means all valves, cables, pipes, regulators, apparatus, equipment or plant or station used for, or for purposes connected with, conveying or transporting refuse or waste by air suction; and
- (b) includes any connection point, but does not include any related internal assets;

“related internal assets” means all receptacles, refuse chutes, chute chambers, pipes, valves, control cables and sensors within any premises up to but not including any connection point, that are used for, or for purposes connected with, conveying or transporting refuse or waste by air suction from within any premises to the refuse pipeline networks.

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### **Application of this Part**

**31F.** This Part does not apply to any premises controlled or managed by a Town Council constituted under the Town Councils Act (Cap. 329A).

### **Declaration of DPWCS areas**

**31G.**—(1) The Minister may, from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare an area to be a DPWCS area where a pneumatic waste conveyance system is established, and operated or maintained, for that area under this Part.

(2) A notice under subsection (1) must —

- (a) define the limits of the DPWCS area; or
- (b) state that a plan of the DPWCS area may be inspected at a place and within such time as is specified in the notice.

(3) The owner or occupier of every premises within a DPWCS area declared under subsection (1) must use the pneumatic waste conveyance system established, and operated or maintained by the DPWCS licensee for the area.

(4) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (3) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$250 for every day or part of a day during which the offence continues after conviction.

(5) In proceedings for an offence under subsection (4), it is a defence for the accused to prove, on a balance of probabilities, that the accused had a reasonable excuse for failing to comply.

### **Changes affecting DPWCS areas**

**31H.**—(1) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette* —

- (a) revoke any declaration made under section 31G; or