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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 1 October 2018 and assented to by the President on 31 October 2018:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 43 of 2018.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
31 October 2018.



An Act to amend the Gas Act (Chapter 116A of the 2002 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 Gas (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 Gas Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “section 83” in the definition of “Appeal Panel” and substituting the words “section 84”;

(b) by deleting paragraph (a) of the definition of “earthworks” and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) any act of excavating earth, rock or other material (by whatever means);

(aa) any act done on, in or under the ground in connection with —

(i) any work for or relating to the construction, reconstruction, extension, renovation, alteration, demolition or repair of any building, road, railway, bridge, viaduct, flyover, sewer or sewerage works;

(ii) any work for or relating to the laying, inspecting, repairing or renewing of any main, pipe, cable, fitting or other apparatus;

(iii) any soil investigation work; or

(iv) such other works as are usually undertaken by a person carrying on business as a contractor in the construction industry or as a professional civil or structural engineer;”;

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- (c) by deleting the words “earth rod” in paragraph (c) of the definition of “earthworks” and substituting the words “bar, rod, pole, picket”; and
 - (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “meter”, the following definition:
 - ““meter installation” means any meter and its associated equipment and installation, including any associated pipework, filter, valve, pressure regulating equipment, seal, housing, mounting, telemetry equipment, gas chromatograph and flow computer;”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3(3) of the Gas Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “dangers arising from the” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “dangers (including to health) arising from the import;”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (f), the following paragraph:
 - “(fa) to ensure security of supply of gas to consumers and to arrange for the secure operation of the gas transmission network in accordance with the Gas Network Code or other codes of practice;”.

Amendment of section 32

4. Section 32 of the Gas Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “other than a gas transporter” in subsection (1);
- (b) by deleting the words “control of, the gas transporter” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “control of, a gas transporter”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (5), the following subsection:

“(5A) Subsection (1) does not prohibit a gas transporter from commencing or carrying out earthworks within the vicinity of any gas plant or gas pipe in a gas pipeline network owned by, or under the management or control of, the gas transporter.”.

Amendment of section 32A

5. Section 32A of the Gas Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsections (1), (2) and (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Any person who —

- (a) removes, destroys or damages any gas plant or gas pipe which is part of a gas pipeline network owned by, or under the management or control of, a gas licensee;
- (b) causes or permits the removal, destruction or damage of such gas plant or gas pipe; or
- (c) in any way other than by paragraph (a) or (b), wilfully or recklessly hinders or prevents such gas plant or gas pipe from being used or operated in the manner in which it is intended to be used or operated,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1 million or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.”; and

(b) by deleting the words “subsection (2)” in subsections (4) and (5) and substituting in each case the words “subsection (1)(a) or (b)”.

New section 32B

6. The Gas Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 32A, the following section:

“Damage to submarine gas pipelines

32B. Any person who wilfully, recklessly or negligently —

- (a) does any act, or permits or causes any act to be done, which damages or is likely to damage any submarine gas pipeline in the territorial waters of Singapore that is owned by, or under the management or control of, a gas licensee; or
- (b) omits to do anything required to prevent any damage to such submarine gas pipeline,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2 million or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.”.

Amendment of section 47

7. Section 47 of the Gas Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) Any person who —

- (a) intentionally lays or causes to be laid a pipe or a gas fitting to connect with any gas pipeline or gas pipeline network owned by, or under the management or control of, a gas transporter without the consent of the gas transporter;
- (b) dishonestly or fraudulently abstracts, uses, consumes or diverts any gas supplied by a gas licensee;
- (c) alters or tampers with any part of any meter or meter installation for registering the quantity of gas supplied to any person or premises;
- (d) does any thing that compromises or adversely affects the ability or proper operation of any meter or meter installation in duly registering the quantity of gas supplied to any person or premises; or