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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 7 November 2017 and assented to by the President on 7 December 2017:—

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No. 48 of 2017.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
7 December 2017.



An Act to amend the Sale of Food Act (Chapter 283 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts.

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 Sale of Food (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Sale of Food Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “for securing wholesomeness and purity of food and fixing standards for the same; for preventing the sale or other disposition, or the use of articles dangerous or injurious to health; to provide for the regulation of food establishments” and substituting the words “for regulating food to ensure that food for sale is safe and suitable for human consumption and to promote public health, for ensuring the provision of information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices and for preventing misleading conduct in connection with the sale of food”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

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

““advertisement” means any of the following where used or apparently used to promote, directly or indirectly, the sale of food:

(a) any words, whether written or in an audible message;

(b) any still or moving picture, sign, symbol or other visual image or representation;

(c) any combination of 2 or more of those things in paragraph (a) or (b),

but does not include communications of personal opinion made by an individual (for no commercial gain) to the public or a section

of the public in relation to any goods or services, brand of goods or services, or person who provides goods or services;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “appliance”;

(c) by deleting the definitions of “food” and “food establishment” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “fish” means any species of fish (whether marine or freshwater), and includes —

(a) crustacea, shellfish, echinoderm and molluscs; and

(b) the eggs and young of any fish;

“fish product” means any of the following intended for human consumption:

(a) part of any fish;

(b) any product derived from processing or preserving fish;

(c) any product containing fish;

“food” has the meaning given by section 2A;

“food business” has the meaning given by section 2B;

“food contact article” means the whole or any part of any utensil, machinery, instrument, device, apparatus, container, appliance or article that is used, or that is designed or intended for use, in or in connection with the handling of food, but does not include any pipe, water fitting, apparatus or appliance used for the supply of water by the Public Utilities Board;

“food premises” means any premises at, on or from which food is sold, or handled with the intention that it be sold, and includes —

(a) a food vending machine; or

(b) any premises used for a primary food production business,

but does not include any description of premises declared by the Minister by order in the *Gazette* not to be a food premises;

“food regulation” means any regulation made under section 56;

“handling”, in relation to food for sale, includes any one or more of the following:

(a) making or manufacturing the food;

(b) processing or preserving the food;

(c) cooking, defrosting, heating or preparing the food;

(d) storing, packing or labelling the food;

(e) transporting or delivering the food;

(f) displaying the food;

(g) serving the food,

but does not include primary food production;”;

(d) by deleting the definition of “label” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “intended use”, in relation to food, means the use of the food that is specifically stated, or could reasonably be presumed to be intended, taking into account the food’s nature, labelling, packaging and identification;

“label” includes any tag, brand, mark or statement in writing or any representation or design or other descriptive matter on or attached to or used or displayed in connection with or accompanying any food or package containing food;

“licence” means a licence issued under Part IV;

“licensee” means a person who is the holder of a licence;

“manufacturing”, in relation to food for sale, includes any one or more of the following:

- (a) making food by combining ingredients;
- (b) significantly changing the condition or nature of food by any process, such as milling flour or peeling, cutting and freezing fruits;
- (c) bottling or canning food, including bottling water;
- (d) making ice,

but does not include —

- (i) cooking or otherwise preparing food at a particular place for retail sale at the place, including sale for immediate consumption; or
- (ii) making ice at a particular place for use at the place;

“meat” includes any part of slaughtered poultry, bovine animal, ovine animal, caprine animal, porcine animal, game or other animal, that is intended for human consumption;

“meat product” means any of the following intended for human consumption:

- (a) offal or other part of a carcass;
- (b) any product derived from processing or preserving meat;
- (c) any product containing meat;