

**Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Act 1999
(No. 20 of 1999)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 15th April 1999 and assented to by the President on 30th April 1999:—

ADMINISTRATION OF MUSLIM LAW (AMENDMENT) ACT 1999

(No. 20 of 1999)

I assent.

ONG TENG CHEONG,
President,
30th April 1999.

Date of Commencement: 1st August 1999

An Act to amend the Administration of Muslim Law Act (Chapter 3 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Subordinate Courts Act (Chapter 321 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Chapter 322 of the 1985 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 may be cited as the Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Act 1999 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Administration of Muslim Law Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Fund”, the following definitions:

“ “Haj” means a pilgrimage in accordance with the Muslim law;

“halal”, in relation to any product, service or activity, means the requirements of the Muslim law are complied with in the production, processing, marketing, display or carrying out, as the case may be, of that product, service or activity;

“halal certificate”, in relation to any product, service or activity, means a certificate to the effect that the requirements of the Muslim law are complied with in the production, processing, marketing, display or carrying out, as the case may be, of that product, service or activity;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Registrar”, the following definitions:

“ “specified halal certification mark” means any certification mark specified under section 88A(4);

“wakaf” means the permanent dedication by a Muslim of any movable or immovable property for any purpose recognised by the Muslim law as pious, religious or charitable;”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word “for” in the second line of the definitions of “wakaf 'am” and “wakaf khas”, the word “pious,”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Establishment and functions of Majlis

3.—(1) As from the commencement of the Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Act 1999, the Majlis Ugama Islam, Singapura, shall continue in existence.

(2) It shall be the function and duty of the Majlis —

- (a) to advise the President of Singapore in matters relating to the Muslim religion in Singapore;

- (b) to administer matters relating to the Muslim religion and Muslims in Singapore including any matter relating to the Haj or halal certification;
- (c) to administer all Muslim endowments and funds vested in it under any written law or trust;
- (d) to administer the collection of zakat and fitrah and other charitable contributions for the support and promotion of the Muslim religion or for the benefit of Muslims in accordance with this Act;
- (e) to administer all mosques and Muslim religious schools in Singapore; and
- (f) to carry out such other functions and duties as are conferred upon the Majlis by or under this Act or any other written law.”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsections:

“(4) The Majlis may, with the approval of the Minister, form or participate in the formation of any company, or enter into any joint venture or partnership, to carry out any of the purposes of this Act.

(5) The Majlis may do such other acts as appear to the Majlis to be incidental or necessary to the discharge of its functions and duties under this Act.”.

Amendment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (6), the following subsection:

“(7) If the President dies or has his appointment revoked or otherwise vacates his office before the expiry of the term for which he has been appointed, a temporary President may be appointed by the President of Singapore for such period as the President of Singapore may determine to carry out the functions and duties of the President.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 26

6. Section 26 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor: