Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Act 1995 (No. 2 of 1996)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 5th December 1995 and assented to by the President on 10th January 1996:—

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH (AMENDMENT) ACT 1995

(No. 2 of 1996)

I assent.

ONG TENG CHEONG, President. 10th January 1996.

Date of Commencement: 2nd February 1996

An Act to amend the Environment Public Health Act (Chapter 95 of the 1988 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 Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Act 1995 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 Environment Public Health Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "Commissioner", the following definition:

" "dangerous substance" means —

- (*a*) aquafortis, vitriol, naphtha benzine, gunpowder, lucifer matches, nitroglycerine and petroleum;
- (b) any explosive within the meaning of the Arms and Explosives Act; [Cap 13.]
- (c) any radioactive material within the meaning of the Radiation Protection Act; [Cap 262.]
- (*d*) any substance which owing to its nature, composition or quantity constitutes a danger to property or human life or health; and
- (e) such other substance which the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare to be dangerous substance for the purpose of this Act;".
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word "waste" at the end of the definition of "industrial waste", the words "and any dangerous substance";
- (c) by deleting the definition of "market" and substituting the following definition:

""market" means any place used for the sale of any meat, fish, fruit, vegetable, poultry, egg or other article of food, whether cooked or uncooked, for human consumption, and includes any premises therein used for the sale of goods or in any way used in conjunction or connection therewith or appurtenant thereto;".

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "occupier", the following definition:
 - " "operator", in relation to a public service vehicle, means the owner, ticket conductor, driver, ticket inspector or person who is in charge or in control of the public service vehicle;";
- (e) by deleting the definition of "public health officer" and substituting the following definition:
 - " "public health officer" means any environment health officer or vector control officer, and includes any senior public health overseer or public health overseer in the service of the Government;";
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "public place", the following definition:
 - ""public service vehicle" has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Act [Cap. 276];";
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "public street", the following definition:
 - " "public waste collector licensee" means a person designated by the Commissioner under section 31(3);";
- (*h*) by deleting the definition of "stall" and substituting the following definition:
 - " "stall" means any table, shed, showboard, vehicle or receptacle or any other means used or intended to be used for the purpose of selling food or goods of any kind and includes any structure affixed thereto by way of roof, support or flooring;"; and
- (*i*) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "waste", the following definitions:

- ""waste collector licensee" means any person who is licensed under section 31 to collect and remove refuse and waste;
 - "waste disposal licensee" means any person who is licensed under section 23 to construct, establish, maintain or operate any disposal facility;".

Amendment of section 8

3. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words "and Nightsoil" in the sub-heading above the section;
- (b) by deleting the word "nightsoil," in the forth line of subsection (1); and
- (c) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

"(2) In any area to which a system for the collection and removal of refuse an waste is applied under subsection (1) —

- (a) no person other than a waste collector licensee whose specified area in its licence includes premises in the area shall collect or remove any refuse or waste; and
- (b) every occupier of such premises as the Commissioner may designate in the area shall use the service of collecting and removing refuse or waste provided by a public waste collector licensee whose specified area in its licence includes those designated premises.".

Repeal of section 13

4. Section 13 of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment of section 17

5. Section 17 (2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word "public".

Amendment of section 18

6. Section 18 (1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word "mucous" in paragraph (g) and substituting the word "mucus".

Amendment of section 20