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Choice of Court Agreements Bill

Bill No. 14/2016.

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CHOICE OF COURT AGREEMENTS ACT 2016

(No. of 2016)

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A BILL

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An Act to give effect to the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements done at The Hague on 30 June 2005 and for connected purposes, and to make related amendments to certain other Acts.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

5 **1.** This Act is the Choice of Court Agreements Act 2016 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

General interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

10 “chosen court” means a court, of a Contracting State, designated in an exclusive choice of court agreement;

“Contracting State” —

 (a) means a State which is a party to the Convention; and

 (b) includes, in an appropriate case —

15 (i) a Regional Economic Integration Organisation which is a party to the Convention; and

 (ii) a member State, of a Regional Economic Integration Organisation which is a party to, and has made a declaration under Article 30(1) of, the Convention;

20 “Convention” means the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements done at The Hague on 30 June 2005;

“court of origin”, in relation to a foreign judgment for which recognition or enforcement is sought under this Act, means the court which gives the foreign judgment;

25 “foreign judgment” means a judgment given by a court of a Contracting State (other than Singapore), being —

 (a) a chosen court; or

30 (b) a court to which a chosen court has transferred, in accordance with the law or practice relating to the allocation of jurisdiction or transfer of cases among