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Read the first time on 3rd May 2002.

An Act to amend the Sale of Food Act (Chapter 283 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Environmental Public Health Act (Chapter 95 of the 1999 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 Sale of Food (Amendment) Act 2002 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Sale of Food Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “health”, the words “; to provide for the regulation of food establishments”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “analyst”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “appliance”, the following definitions:

““authorised analyst” means any person appointed by the Director-General to be an authorised analyst under section 3(3);

“authorised officer” means the Director-General and any person appointed by the Director-General to be an authorised officer under section 3(2);

“Authority” means the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority established under section 3 of the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Act (Cap. 5);”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “Director” and substituting the following definition:

““Director-General” means the Director-General, Agri-Food and Veterinary Services appointed under section 3(1) of the Animals and Birds Act (Cap. 7);”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “food”, the following definition:

““food establishment” means any place or any premises or part thereof used for the sale, or for the preparation or manufacture for sale, or for the storage or packing for sale, of food, whether cooked or not, intended for human consumption;”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “importer”, the following definition:

“ “infectious disease” means —

- (a) any disease set out in the First or Second Schedule to the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137);
 - (b) any skin disease which is likely to be contagious; and
 - (c) such other disease as the Minister may prescribe;”;
- (f) by deleting the definition of “officer”; and
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “poison”, the following definition:

“ “premises” means messuages, buildings, lands, easements and hereditaments of any tenure, whether open or enclosed, whether built on or not, whether public or private, and whether maintained or not under statutory authority, and includes any place or structure, or any part thereof used or intended to be used for human habitation or for any other purpose whatsoever;”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 3

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

“Administration of Act and appointment of authorised officers, etc.

3.—(1) The Director-General shall be responsible for the administration of this Act, subject to the general or special directions of the Minister.

(2) The Director-General may in writing appoint any public officer or any officer of the Authority or of any statutory authority to be an authorised officer for the purposes of this Act and any regulations made thereunder.

(3) The Director-General may appoint one or more persons with the prescribed qualifications and practical experience to be authorised analysts for the purposes of this Act and any regulations made thereunder.

(4) The Director-General may delegate the exercise of all or any of the powers conferred or duties imposed upon him by this Act to any authorised officer.”.

Amendment of section 4

5. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (5).

Amendment of section 5

6. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) For the purpose of discharging his functions and duties under this Act and any regulations made thereunder, an authorised officer may at any time require any person —

- (a) to produce to the authorised officer for inspection any document or record or copies or extracts of any document or record which the authorised officer believes on reasonable grounds contains any information relevant to the administration or enforcement of this Act or any regulations made thereunder; or
- (b) to furnish any information as the authorised officer may reasonably require.”;
- (b) by deleting the words “and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500” in subsection (4); and
- (c) by deleting the words “and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000” in the penultimate and last lines of subsection (5).

Amendment of section 6

7. Section 6(4) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000”.

Amendment of section 7

8. Section 7(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500” in the penultimate and last lines.

Amendment of section 10

9. Section 10(3) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 20