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An Act to amend the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board Act (Chapter 303A of the 1996 Revised Edition), and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board (Amendment) Act 2002 and shall, with the exception of sections 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15, be deemed to have come into operation on 1st April 2002.

(2) Sections 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15 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 Singapore Productivity and Standards Board Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity

and Standards Board” and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”.

Amendment of section 1

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity and Standards Board” and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”.

Amendment of section 2

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the definition of “Board” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Board” means the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board established under section 3;”.

Amendment of section 3

5. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity and Standards Board” in the 2nd line and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”;
- (b) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection:

“(2) The Board may perform any of its functions or carry out any of its duties under the business name of SPRING Singapore, or such other business name as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify.”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “Singapore Productivity and Standards Board” in the marginal note and substituting the words “Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board”.

Amendment of section 5

6. Section 5(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “representing the interests of the Government, employers, trade unions,” in the 2nd and 3rd lines of paragraph (c) and substituting the words “from such sectors or classes of persons as the Minister may consider appropriate, including the Government, employers, trade unions, businesses,”.

Amendment of section 6

7. Section 6(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) to raise total factor productivity and improve Singapore’s competitiveness through productivity and innovation promotion, domestic sector development, standards, conformance, metrology and any other activity considered necessary or desirable;

(b) to promote, facilitate and assist in the development and upgrading of skills and expertise of persons preparing to join the workforce, persons in the workforce and persons rejoining the workforce, and to support the growth of small and medium enterprises and any other enterprise requiring its assistance;”;

- (b) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(d) to assess and certify persons for achievements in productivity, innovation, skills or standards;

(da) to register management systems personnel;”;

- (c) by deleting the words “to serve as the national standards body and” in the 1st line of paragraph (e);

- (d) by deleting paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(f) to be the accreditation body for the assessment and accreditation of bodies and institutions whose activities include sampling, testing, calibration, inspection or certification;

(g) to designate, appoint, authorise or recognise for any purpose any person who performs conformity assessment and any person who performs any test relating to conformity assessment, and to perform all functions necessary or incidental thereto, including —

(i) determining the qualifications of such persons;

- (ii) controlling and regulating the practice of such persons;
 - (iii) suspending, lifting the suspension of or withdrawing the designation, appointment, authorisation or recognition of such persons; and
 - (iv) establishing, maintaining and developing the standards of practice, and professional conduct and ethics, of such persons;
- (h) to serve as the national productivity, innovation and standards body, and to advise the Government and industrial, commercial, trading and other organisations in respect of matters relating to productivity, innovation and standards;”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the word “productivity,” in paragraph (i), the word “innovation,”; and
- (f) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (i), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
 - “(ia) to administer the Weights and Measures Act (Cap. 349); and”.

Amendment of section 7

8. Section 7(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - “(a) establish, administer and operate any scheme considered necessary or desirable to the development and upgrading of skills and expertise of persons preparing to join the workforce, persons in the workforce and persons rejoining the workforce, the development and upgrading of the domestic sectors, the promotion of productivity, innovation, standards, standardisation and conformity assessment, and the development of the measurement infrastructure;”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph: