

Factories (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 31st October 1994.

An Act to amend the Factories Act (Chapter 104 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 Factories (Amendment) Act 1994 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 6

2. Section 6 of the Factories Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) any yard (including any dock, wharf, jetty, quay and the precincts thereof) in which ships are constructed, reconstructed, repaired, refitted, finished or broken up;”;

- (b) by deleting paragraphs (m) and (n) of subsection (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(m) any premises used for the storage of gas, including liquified gas, in a container having a storage capacity of not less than 140 cubic metres;

(n) any premises in which persons are employed in or in connection with the generating of electrical energy for supply by way of trade or for purposes of gain;”;

- (c) by deleting paragraph (p) of subsection (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(p) any sewage works in which mechanical power is used and any pumping station used in connection therewith and in which persons are regularly employed;”;

- (d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (q) of subsection (2) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:

“(r) any warehouse in which the business of sorting, packing, handling or storing of articles is carried out;

(s) any premises in which the business of testing, examining or analysing of articles is carried out by way of trade or for purposes of gain or incidentally to the purposes of any factory;

(t) any premises used for the bulk storage of toxic or inflammable liquid (excluding liquified gas) in a container, not being an underground container, that

has a storage capacity of not less than 5,000 cubic metres.”; and

(e) by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsection:

“(5) Any ship which is being constructed, reconstructed, repaired, refitted, finished or broken up in the waters adjacent to any factory as defined in section 6(2)(a), by the occupier of that factory or any of his contractors, shall be deemed to be part of that factory.”.

Amendment of section 7

3. Section 7(1) of the Factories Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “, by notification in the *Gazette*,” in the third and fourth lines of the definition of “authorised boiler inspector” and substituting the words “by a certificate in writing”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “building operation” and substituting the following definitions:

““building” includes the whole or any part of any house or any other structure, whether used for the purpose of human habitation or otherwise, and any structure, support or foundation connected to the foregoing;

“building operation” means the construction, structural alteration, repair or maintenance of a building (including the re-wiring of any electrical installation, the replacement of any lift, air-conditioning plant and ancillary ducting of a building, and the repointing, redecoration and external cleaning of the structure), the demolition of a building, and the preparation for, and the laying of foundation of, an intended building, but does not include any operation which is a work of engineering construction within the meaning of this Act;”;

(c) by deleting the definitions of “lifting gear” and “lifting machine” and substituting the following definitions:

““lifting gear” includes any chain, rope, chain sling, rope sling, ring, hook, shackle, swivel, eyebolt and any cage or work platform used for carrying persons while it is suspended from the load line of a crane;