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An Act to amend the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act 1974 (No. 12 of 1974).

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 Newspaper and Printing Presses (Amendment) Act 1986 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 Newspaper and Printing Presses Act 1974 (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “company”, the following definition:

“ “declared foreign newspaper” means any newspaper published outside Singapore which has been declared by the Minister under section 18A(1) to be engaging in the domestic politics of Singapore;” and

(b) by deleting the words “in Singapore” in the definition of “newspaper”.

Amendment of section 7

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), a newspaper shall be deemed to be published outside Singapore if its contents and editorial policy are determined outside Singapore and its sales or distribution are not intended primarily for Singapore.”.

New sections 18A to 18E

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 18, the following sections:

“Declared foreign newspapers

18A.—(1) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, declare any newspaper published outside Singapore to be a newspaper engaging in the domestic politics of Singapore.

(2) No person shall, without the prior approval of the Minister, sell or distribute or import for or possess for sale or distribution any declared foreign newspaper.

(3) The Minister may grant his approval under subsection (2) subject to such