

Economic Defence (Direction of Employment) Ordinance

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An Ordinance to provide for the direction of the employment of persons adversely affected by the severance of trade relations between Malaysia and Indonesia and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Economic Defence (Direction of Employment) Ordinance, 1963, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Director” means the Director of Economic Defence appointed under section 3 of the Economic Defence Ordinance, 1963 (Ord. of 1963), and includes any Assistant Director appointed under that Ordinance;

“employee” includes any person seeking employment;

“employer” includes any person desiring to employ other persons.

Register

3. The Director shall keep, in such form as he may think fit, a register of persons whose employment is adversely affected by the severance of trade relations between Malaysia and Indonesia (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as “the Register”).

Powers of the Minister

4.—(1) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, direct that, after such date as may be specified in such order, an employer to whom such order applies shall not, except with the written consent of the Director, engage or re-engage any employee to whom such order applies, otherwise than from among the persons whose names appear in the Register:

Provided that before making an order under this subsection, the Minister may, in his discretion, refer for advice a draft of the order proposed to be made to a committee appointed by him, consisting of a chairman and such number of persons as he thinks fit, but shall not be bound to accept any advice given by the said committee.

- (2) An order under subsection (1) of this section may be made so as to apply —
- (a) either to all employers or to such employers or class of employers as may be specified in the order; and
 - (b) either to all employees or to such employees or class of employees as may be specified in the order,

and may provide that any directions contained in the order shall not apply in any specified circumstances.

(3) Any order under subsection (1) of this section may be varied or revoked by a subsequent order of the Minister published in the *Gazette*.

Provisions for the employment of employees from the Register

5.—(1) Every employer to whom an order made under subsection (1) of section 4 of this Ordinance applies, who desires to employ an employee or employees specified in such order shall apply to the Director, in such form as the Director may require, for the nomination from the Register of a suitable person or persons for employment by him.

(2) On receipt of the application from the employer as aforesaid, the Director shall nominate a suitable person or persons from among the persons whose names appear in the Register, and shall send him or them to the employer for employment. If any person so nominated is employed by the employer, the employer shall notify the Director in writing accordingly.

(3) If, of the persons nominated by the Director, none is acceptable to the employer or if the Director informs the employer that he is unable to make any nomination, the employer may, after obtaining the written consent of the Director, be free to employ any other person to fill the vacancy in question.

(4) If the Director refuses to give his consent to the employment of any other person in the circumstances set out in subsection (3) of this section, he shall notify the employer in writing of such refusal and his reasons therefor, and if the employer is dissatisfied with such refusal he may, within seven days of such refusal, appeal to the Appeals Board appointed under subsection (5) of this section.

(5) For the purposes of hearing appeals under this section, the Minister shall appoint an Appeals Board consisting of such number of persons as he may think fit.