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**PRISONS ACT 1933**

**PRISONS  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 84 of the Prisons Act 1933, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Prisons (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and come into operation on 18 January 2022.

**Deletion and substitution of regulations 2 and 3**

2. Regulations 2 and 3 of the Prisons Regulations (Rg 2) are deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

**“Inspection of prisons by Commissioner**

2. The Commissioner must inspect, or direct the inspection of, every prison once every year.

**Compliance with Act, regulations and Prison Standing Orders**

3. The Commissioner must ensure that the Act, the regulations made under the Act, and the Prison Standing Orders are complied with.”.

**Amendment of regulation 4**

3. Regulation 4 of the Prisons Regulations is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the word “submit”, the words “, or cause to be submitted,”; and

- (b) by deleting the words “upon all the prisons in Singapore” and substituting the words “on the custody and rehabilitation of prisoners”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 5**

4. Regulation 5 of the Prisons Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

#### **“General duties of Superintendent**

5. Without limiting any other duties of the Superintendent in these Regulations, the Superintendent of a prison is responsible for —

- (a) ensuring that the prison is administered in accordance with the Act, the regulations made under the Act, and the Prison Standing Orders;
- (b) ensuring that the staff of the prison (including the prison officers and medical officers) comply with the law and the Prison Standing Orders applicable to them;
- (c) ensuring that the prison is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition;
- (d) maintaining the good order and discipline in the prison; and
- (e) ensuring the humane and fair treatment of prisoners in the prison.”.

### **Deletion of regulations 7, 8 and 9 and new regulations 7 and 8**

5. Regulations 7, 8 and 9 of the Prison Regulations are deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

#### **“Inspection of prison by Superintendent**

7.—(1) The Superintendent, or any person authorised by the Superintendent, must, as far as practicable, inspect a prison once every day (not including Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays).

(2) The Superintendent must hear and deal with any request or complaint made by a prisoner during an inspection.

### **Security of prisoners' cells**

**8.**—(1) The Superintendent must ensure that the cells of prisoners are inspected regularly by prison officers to —

(a) check the security of the cells; and

(b) check for any unauthorised item, which must be confiscated.

(2) A prison officer who finds any breach in the security of a prisoner's cell or any unauthorised item in the cell must immediately make a report to the Superintendent.”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 13**

**6.** Regulation 13 of the Prisons Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

#### **“Complaints and requests**

**13.**—(1) The Superintendent must ensure that every prisoner who wishes to make a complaint or request to a prison officer or a Visiting Justice must be given a reasonable opportunity to do so.

(2) Any complaint of misconduct involving a prison officer must be dealt with without undue delay.”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 36**

**7.** Regulation 36 of the Prisons Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

#### **“General duties of prison officers**

**36.**—(1) Every prison officer must —

(a) comply with the regulations made under the Act and the Prison Standing Orders;

(b) assist and support the Superintendent in maintaining order and discipline in the prison;

- (c) within the scope of the prison officer's responsibilities, be firm in maintaining order and discipline in the prison;
  - (d) refer any prisoner who appears from the prison officer's observation to be physically or mentally unwell for medical observation; and
  - (e) treat every prisoner humanely and fairly.
- (2) A prison officer must promptly report to a superior officer any unlawful activity, misconduct, abuse or irregularity in the prison.
- (3) A prison officer who receives a complaint or request from a prisoner must either deal with the matter raised as advised by a superior officer or report the matter to the Superintendent.”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 38**

8. Regulation 38 of the Prisons Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

#### **“Use of force**

**38.**—(1) A prison officer may use force as is necessary for the security and good order of the prison or for the safety and welfare of the prisoners or other persons in the prison.

(2) Where force is used on a prisoner —

- (a) the prisoner must, as soon as practicable, be brought to a medical officer —
  - (i) to be examined for injury; and
  - (ii) for any injury and other observations to be recorded; and
- (b) a report of the matter must be made to the Superintendent immediately.”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 40**

9. Regulation 40 of the Prisons Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

**“No testimonials or references**

**40.** A prison officer must not write a testimonial or reference for a prisoner unless the Commissioner, or an officer authorised by the Commissioner, gives permission.”.

**Deletion and substitution of regulation 60**

**10.** Regulation 60 of the Prisons Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

**“Duties of medical officer**

**60.—**(1) A medical officer of a prison must —

- (a) keep proper medical records of every prisoner;
- (b) ensure that every prisoner who is sick, or complains of being sick, is given adequate medical treatment and is placed under such medical observation as the medical officer considers necessary;
- (c) direct any modifications of labour, diet and punishment in any particular case as the medical officer considers necessary; and
- (d) perform all duties of a medical officer under the Act and these Regulations.

(2) Where a medical officer considers it necessary to inform the Superintendent of a prisoner’s medical condition, the medical officer —

- (a) must make a report to the Superintendent; and
- (b) may make any recommendations for the modification of labour, diet, punishment or treatment of the prisoner, or the supply of additional articles to the prisoner, as the medical officer considers necessary.”.

**Deletion and substitution of regulation 66**

**11.** Regulation 66 of the Prisons Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor: