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### **CONSUMER PROTECTION (TRADE DESCRIPTIONS AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS) ACT (CHAPTER 53)**

#### **CONSUMER PROTECTION (SAFETY REQUIREMENTS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 11 and 32 of the Consumer Protection (Trade Descriptions and Safety Requirements) Act, the Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry) makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and come into operation on 15 January 2018.

#### **Amendment of regulation 2**

2. Regulation 2(1) of the Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Regulations (Rg 1) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definitions of “CAB”, “CAB (Foreign — MRA)” and “CAB (Local)” and substituting the following definitions:

““alternate testing laboratory” means —

(a) a testing laboratory or manufacturer’s testing laboratory that is recognised under the International Electrotechnical Commission System of Conformity Assessment Schemes for Electrotechnical Equipment and

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Components Certification Bodies  
Scheme (the IECEE CB Scheme);

- (b) a testing laboratory that is recognised by a Foreign Recognition Body; or
- (c) a testing laboratory the test reports of which are agreed to be accepted by one or more CAB (Certification) or CAB (Testing) under an approved testing agreement;

“approved testing agreement” means an agreement, approved by the Safety Authority, under which one or more CAB (Certification) or CAB (Testing) agree with the proprietor of a testing laboratory to accept test reports issued by that testing laboratory;

“CAB” or “conformity assessment body” means a person that performs conformity assessment or any test relating to conformity assessment;

“CAB (Certification)” means a person designated as such under regulation 7 of the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board (Conformity Assessment) Regulations (Cap. 303A, Rg 2);

“CAB (Certification — MRA)” means a person designated by a country other than Singapore to carry out any certification of any product for the purposes of an MRA to which both Singapore and that country are parties;

“CAB (Testing)” means a person designated as such under regulation 7 of the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board (Conformity Assessment) Regulations;

“CAB (Testing — MRA)” means a person designated by a country other than Singapore to carry out any testing of any product for the

purposes of an MRA to which both Singapore and that country are parties;”;

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

““Foreign Recognition Body” means an entity in a country other than Singapore that is authorised under any of the following to recognise CABs, testing laboratories, or both on behalf of that country:

(a) the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Agreement;

(b) the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Agreement;

(c) an MRA to which both Singapore and that country are parties;

“high-risk controlled goods” means any controlled goods that the Safety Authority classifies as such on the Safety Authority’s website;

“low-risk controlled goods” means any controlled goods that the Safety Authority classifies as such on the Safety Authority’s website;

“medium-risk controlled goods” means any controlled goods that the Safety Authority classifies as such on the Safety Authority’s website;

“MRA” means —

(a) a mutual recognition agreement or arrangement between Singapore and any other country; or

- (b) a multilateral recognition agreement or arrangement between Singapore and 2 or more other countries;”;
- (c) by deleting the definition of “RTL”; and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Safety Authority”, the following definition:
  - “ “Safety Authority’s website” means the website at <https://www.spring.gov.sg/>;”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 7**

3. Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

#### **“Application for registration of controlled goods**

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), an application for registration of any high-risk controlled goods or medium-risk controlled goods must be made by a Registered Supplier in such form as the Safety Authority may require, and must be accompanied by —

- (a) a certificate certifying that the controlled goods conform to the safety requirements specified by the Safety Authority for the controlled goods on the Safety Authority’s website (called in these Regulations a certificate of conformity);
- (b) such other information and documents as the Safety Authority may require to decide the application; and
- (c) a non-refundable fee of the amount specified in the Third Schedule.

(2) Subject to paragraph (6), an application for registration of any low-risk controlled goods must be made by a Registered Supplier in such form as the Safety Authority may require and must be accompanied by —

- (a) a declaration by the Registered Supplier that the controlled goods conform to the safety requirements specified by the Safety Authority for the controlled

goods (called in these Regulations a supplier's declaration);

- (b) such other information and documents as the Safety Authority may require to decide the application; and
- (c) a non-refundable fee of the amount specified in the Third Schedule.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(a), the certificate of conformity must be issued by —

- (a) a CAB (Certification) that certified the controlled goods based on a test report issued in respect of those controlled goods by a CAB (Testing), a CAB (Testing — MRA), or an alternate testing laboratory; or
- (b) a CAB (Certification — MRA).

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(a), the Registered Supplier must make the supplier's declaration on the basis of a test report issued in respect of the controlled goods by a CAB (Testing), a CAB (Testing — MRA), or an alternate testing laboratory.

(5) The Safety Authority may accept an application under paragraph (1) that is not accompanied by a certificate of conformity if —

- (a) either or both of the following occurs:
  - (i) no CAB (Testing) is able to test the controlled goods without unreasonable delay, and the Safety Authority is satisfied that it would be unreasonable to require the Registered Supplier to have the controlled goods tested by a CAB (Testing — MRA) or an alternate testing laboratory;
  - (ii) no CAB (Certification) is able to certify the controlled goods without unreasonable delay, and the Safety Authority is satisfied that it would be unreasonable to require the Registered