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**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS ACT  
(CHAPTER 240A)**

**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS  
(OVERSEAS VOTING) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22A and 81 of the Presidential Elections Act, the Prime Minister makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Presidential Elections (Overseas Voting) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into operation on 1 June 2017.

**Amendment of regulation 2**

2. Regulation 2 of the Presidential Elections (Overseas Voting) Regulations 2005 (G.N. No. S 502/2005) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “certified register of electors”, the following definition:

““counting place for overseas votes” means —

- (a) in the case where section 32A(2) of the Act applies, the place specified by the Returning Officer under section 32A(2A)(b)(ii) of the Act;
- (b) in the case where section 36DA(2) of the Act applies, the place specified by the Returning Officer under section 36DA(5)(b)(iii) of the Act;
- (c) in the case where section 36DB(2) of the Act applies, the place specified by the Returning Officer under section 36DB(5)(b)(ii); or

- (d) in any other case, the place or places directed by the Returning Officer under section 31A(1A) of the Act;”.

### **Amendment of regulation 9**

3. Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “prescribed in” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “prescribed under”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2), the following sub-paragraphs:
  - “(aa) comply with section 23A of the Act;
  - (ab) clearly demarcate the area within which a voter must mark his vote for a candidate;”.

### **Amendment of regulation 11**

4. Regulation 11 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Before the poll opens at an overseas polling station in an election, the presiding officer appointed under regulation 5 for the overseas polling station must cause a notice giving directions for the guidance of voters in voting to be displayed on or at a conspicuous place outside the overseas polling station.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 12**

5. Regulation 12 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(1) Before the poll opens at an overseas polling station in an election, the presiding officer appointed under regulation 5 for the overseas polling station must cause a notice about the poll to be displayed on or at a conspicuous place outside the overseas polling station.

(1A) The notice mentioned in paragraph (1) must contain the following information in respect of each candidate in the election:

- (a) the name of the candidate in English, Malay, Chinese and Tamil;
- (b) the symbol allotted to the candidate under section 16 of the Act;
- (c) where the photograph of the candidate is included on the ballot papers for the election under section 23A(1) of the Act, that photograph;
- (d) where the photograph of the candidate is not included on the ballot papers for the election (by reason of non-compliance with section 23A(1) of the Act), an indication that there is no photograph for the candidate.

(1B) The names of the candidates on the notice must be arranged in the same order as they are arranged on the ballot papers for the election under regulation 9(2)(a).”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 22**

6. Regulation 22 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(4) Section 27(4) of the Act applies to a declaration required under paragraph (2) and for this purpose, the reference to a declaration in section 27(4) is a reference to a declaration required under that paragraph.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 24**

7. Regulation 24 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) subject to paragraph (1A), secretly mark the ballot paper as near as may be in accordance with the directions given for the guidance of voters under regulation 11;”;