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**CASINO CONTROL ACT  
(CHAPTER 33A)**

**CASINO CONTROL (JUNKETS) (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 2012**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 110 of the Casino Control Act, the Casino Regulatory Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Home Affairs, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Casino Control (Junkets) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and shall come into operation on 22nd March 2012.

**Amendment of regulation 2**

**2.** Regulation 2 of the Casino Control (Junkets) Regulations 2009 (G.N. No. S 663/2009) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “junket agreement” in paragraph (1), the following definitions:

“ “application” means an application for a junket promoter licence or a junket representative licence, and  
“applicant” shall be construed accordingly;

“endorsement”, in relation to a junket promoter, means an endorsement by a casino operator of the junket promoter, in accordance with the requirements in regulation 6(1)(d);”;

(b) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (a) of the definition of “relevant financial interest” in paragraph (1);

(c) by inserting, at the end of paragraph (b) of the definition of “relevant financial interest” in paragraph (1), the word “or”;

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(d) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of the definition of “relevant financial interest” in paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(c) any contribution to the capital of the business, whether by a loan or otherwise;”;

(e) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) In these Regulations, a person is an “associate” of a licensed junket promoter or an applicant for a junket promoter licence if the person is, in the opinion of the Authority, able or will be able to exercise a significant influence over or with respect to the management or operation of the junket business of the licensed junket promoter or applicant.

(3) In determining whether a person is able or will be able to exercise the significant influence referred to in paragraph (2), the Authority may consider all or any of the following:

- (a) whether the person holds or will hold any relevant financial interest in the junket business of the licensed junket promoter or applicant;
- (b) whether the person is or will be entitled to exercise any relevant power (whether in right of the person or on behalf of any other person) in the junket business of the licensed junket promoter or applicant;
- (c) whether the person holds or will hold any relevant position (whether in right of the person or on behalf of any other person) in the junket business of the licensed junket promoter or applicant;
- (d) the degree of direct or indirect influence that the person has in the management or operation of the junket business of the licensed junket promoter or applicant;
- (e) any other matter that the Authority considers relevant.”.

**Amendment of regulation 3****3.** Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “unless it holds a junket promoter licence from the Authority” in paragraph (1)(a) and substituting the words “in or with respect to any casino unless it holds a junket promoter licence from the Authority authorising it to do so in or with respect to that casino”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “conduct a junket” in paragraph (1)(b), the words “in or with respect to any casino”;
- (c) by deleting the words “, if he is employed to do so by a junket promoter” in paragraph (1)(b)(i) and substituting the words “authorising him to do so in or with respect to that casino, if he is employed to do so by a licensed junket promoter”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the word “Authority” in paragraph (1)(b)(ii), the words “authorising him to do so in or with respect to that casino”; and
- (e) by deleting the words “referred to in paragraph (2)(b) or (c)” in paragraph (3)(a) and (b).

**Amendment of regulation 5****4.** Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) who is not a licensed junket promoter endorsed by it or a licensed junket representative employed by a licensed junket promoter endorsed by it;”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) who is suspended under regulation 34A or 37,”.

**Amendment of regulation 6****5.** Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended —

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

“(d) an endorsement of the applicant in such form as the Authority may require, by each casino operator

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(or applicant for a casino licence) with which the applicant intends to enter into a junket agreement —

- (i) stating that, having regard to the suitability of the applicant for the junket promoter licence, the casino operator (or applicant for a casino licence) is satisfied that entering into a junket agreement with the applicant will not affect the credibility, integrity and stability of its casino operations; and
  - (ii) accompanied by a due diligence report on the applicant by the casino operator (or applicant for a casino licence); and”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) Where any application for a junket promoter licence, received and considered by the Authority before the date of publication of the notice referred to in regulation 13(1B)(a), is refused on the ground stated in regulation 13(1A), the Authority shall refund the costs of investigation paid in respect of the application under paragraph (1), and any application made under regulation 7(1), without interest to the applicant.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 9**

**6.** Regulation 9(2) of the principal Regulations is amended —

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

“(a) investigate all or any of the following persons:

- (i) the applicant, in relation to the person’s suitability to be a licensed junket promoter or licensed junket representative, as the case may be;
- (ii) any person who may be an associate of the applicant, in relation to the person’s suitability to be associated with a licensed junket promoter or licensed junket representative;
- (iii) any person who has a business association with the applicant or an associate of the applicant,

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which is, in the opinion of the Authority, relevant to the application;

(iv) any other person who is associated or connected with the ownership, administration or management of the operations or business of the applicant;” and

(b) by deleting the word “necessary” in sub-paragraph (b)(i) and substituting the words “specified by a notice in writing issued by the Authority, and permit the Authority or an authorised person to examine the records, take extracts from them and make copies of them”.

### **Deletion of regulation 10**

7. Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations is deleted.

### **Amendment of regulation 11**

8. Regulation 11(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “or 10”.

### **Amendment of regulation 12**

9. Regulation 12 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(4) The certificate of the Authority stating the actual costs of the investigation under paragraph (3) shall be conclusive evidence of such amount.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 13**

10. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraphs:

“(1A) For the purposes of section 110(2) of the Act, the Authority shall not grant a junket promoter licence to an applicant with respect to a casino unless the Authority is satisfied that the grant of such a licence does not result in the total number of junket promoter licences in force exceeding such maximum number of junket promoter licences as the Authority has, in the public interest, determined for that casino.