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**PASSPORTS ACT
(CHAPTER 220)**

**PASSPORTS
(AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2006**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(1) of the Passports Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Passports (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and shall come into operation on 15th August 2006.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Passports Regulations (Rg 1) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “enter”, the following definition:

“ “fingerprint”, in relation to an individual, means a record (in any form and produced by any method) of the skin pattern and other physical characteristics or features of any of his thumbs or fingers;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “photograph”, the following definition:

“ “Singapore biometric passport” means a Singapore passport which contains unique biological data specific to the holder;”.

Amendment of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 of the Passports Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) Every application for a Singapore passport to be issued on or after 15th August 2006 must be accompanied by —

- (a) one photograph of the applicant; and
- (b) unless expressly dispensed with by an authorised officer, the following fingerprints:
 - (i) the applicant’s left and right thumbprints;
 - (ii) where it is possible to furnish only one thumbprint, the applicant’s only thumbprint and one other fingerprint; or
 - (iii) where it is not possible to furnish any thumbprint, the fingerprint of any 2 of the applicant’s other fingers.”.

Amendment of regulation 5

4. Regulation 5 of the Passports Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) All Singapore passports issued on or after 15th August 2006 shall be Singapore biometric passports.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

5. Paragraph 1 of the First Schedule to the Passports Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(a) Republic of Singapore Passport issued on or after 15th August 2006 —

- (i) where the application is made in Singapore by post or through deposit boxes designated by the Controller for the receipt of passport applications \$70