Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Regulations 2002

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

CONSUMER PROTECTION (SAFETY REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS 2002

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 hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Regulations 2002 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2002.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"CAB" means a conformity assessment body;

- "CAB (Foreign MRA)" means a conformity assessment body in a country other than Singapore designated by that country for purposes of its MRA with Singapore;
- "CAB (Local)" means a conformity assessment body referred to in regulation 3(2) of the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board (Conformity Assessment) Regulations 2002 (G.N. No. S 25/2002);
- "controlled goods" means any goods of a type, class or description specified in the First Schedule;

"country" includes a customs territory;

- "MRA" means a mutual recognition agreement or arrangement between Singapore and any other country;
- "registered controlled goods", in relation to a Registered Supplier, means any controlled goods registered by him with the Safety Authority under regulation 7;
- "RTL" means a recognised testing laboratory referred to in Part V of the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board (Conformity Assessment) Regulations 2002;
- "Safety Authority" means the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board established under section 3 of the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board Act (Cap. 303A);

"Safety Mark" means the Safety Mark specified in the Second Schedule.

(2) Where an amendment is made to the description in any item of controlled goods in the First Schedule and it results in subjecting any additional goods to control or removing any specified goods from control, such goods shall, notwithstanding the effective date specified in the second column of the First Schedule corresponding to that item of controlled goods, be subject to control or be removed from control only as at the date the amendment takes effect.

Exemption

3. The Safety Authority may, in its discretion and for such period and on such conditions as it thinks fit, exempt any person or any controlled goods from all or any of the provisions of these Regulations.

Supply of safe goods

4.—(1) No person shall, in the course of any trade or business, supply or advertise for the purpose of supply any controlled goods after the effective date specified in the First Schedule unless —

- (*a*) such controlled goods are registered controlled goods conforming to the safety requirements specified by the Safety Authority for those goods; and
- (b) such controlled goods have affixed to them the Safety Mark in accordance with Part III.
- (2) Where any person contravenes paragraph (1), he shall be guilty of an offence

under section 11(2) of the Act, and the Safety Authority may ----

- (*a*) require such person to effect a recall of the controlled goods and keep the Safety Authority informed of the progress of such recall; and
- (b) take such steps as may be necessary to inform users of the controlled goods of the potential danger of such goods.

(3) Any person who fails or neglects to effect a recall of the controlled goods required by the Safety Authority under paragraph (2)(a) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, "registered controlled goods" does not include controlled goods whose registration is deemed to be suspended or withdrawn under regulation 24.

PART II

REGISTERED SUPPLIERS AND REGISTERED CONTROLLED GOODS

Importer or manufacturer to apply to be registered as Registered Supplier and to register controlled goods

5.—(1) Any importer or manufacturer in Singapore who intends, in the course of any trade or business, to supply or advertise for supply any controlled goods in Singapore shall apply to the Safety Authority—

- (a) to be registered as a Registered Supplier; and
- (b) to register any controlled goods which the importer or manufacturer intends to supply or advertise for supply in Singapore.

(2) An importer or a manufacturer which contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

Application for registration of supplier

6. An application to be registered as a Registered Supplier shall be in such form as the Safety Authority may determine and shall be accompanied by such documents and information as the Safety Authority may require.

Application for registration of controlled goods