Housing and Development (Mortgage to Lender) Rules 2002

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HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT (MORTGAGE TO LENDER) RULES 2002

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 65(1) of the Housing and Development Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Housing and Development (Mortgage to Lender) Rules 2002 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2003.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

"flat" means any flat, house or other building sold under Part IV of the Act which has been acquired by the present owner thereof whether directly from the Board or otherwise;

"lender" means any —

- (a) bank licensed under the Banking Act (Cap. 19);
- (b) finance company licensed under the Finance Companies Act (Cap. 108);
- (c) direct insurer registered under the Insurance Act (Cap. 142); or
- (d) merchant bank approved as a financial institution under the Monetary Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 186);

"mortgage" includes any charge on any flat for securing the repayment of any money lent to any person.

Terms and conditions applicable to mortgages

3. Subject to rule 5, where a flat is mortgaged to a lender as security for a loan which is disbursed on or after 1st January 2003, the Board shall, for the purposes of section 50 of the Act, be deemed to have granted its prior written consent to the mortgage subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the mortgage shall be security solely for the repayment of a housing loan granted to the mortgagor to finance or re-finance the purchase of the mortgaged flat;
- (b) the mortgagee shall hold the mortgaged flat subject to the rights and powers of the Board under the Act (including these Rules and all other subsidiary legislation made under the Act) and the agreement for lease or lease entered into between the Board and the mortgagor, and shall comply with the policies of the Board that may from time to time be imposed;
- (c) the mortgagee shall not exercise its power of sale under the mortgage unless it has first granted an option to the Board or the Board's nominee to purchase the mortgaged flat at an official sale price determined by the Board, and the option is not exercised within 2 months from the date it is granted;
- (d) the mortgagee, in exercising its power of sale, shall not sell the mortgaged flat to a purchaser unless the purchaser is first approved by the Board as a person eligible under its prevailing policies to purchase the mortgaged flat; and