

Public Entertainments (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) Order 2000

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PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS ACT (CHAPTER 257)

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS (SPEAKERS' CORNER) (EXEMPTION) ORDER 2000

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Public Entertainments Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Entertainments (Speakers' Corner) (Exemption) Order 2000 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2000.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“designated place” means the Kreta Ayer Neighbourhood Police Post;

“public speaking” means any play-reading, recital, lecture, talk, address, debate or discussion, for which a licence is required under the Act;

“registration officer” means any police officer on duty at the designated place;

“Speakers’ Corner” means the area known as Hong Lim Park and delineated in the Schedule.

Exemption

3. Public speaking at the Speakers’ Corner by any person who is a citizen of Singapore is exempted from the provisions of the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the person has been registered at the designated place in accordance with paragraph 4;
- (b) the public speaking takes place —
 - (i) only on the date that is registered by the person under paragraph 4; and
 - (ii) only between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.;
- (c) the person does not deal with any matter —
 - (i) which relates, directly or indirectly, to any religious belief or to religion generally; or
 - (ii) which may cause feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will or hostility between different racial or religious groups in Singapore;
- (d) the person speaks only in any of the 4 official languages in Singapore, or any related dialect; and
- (e) no sound amplification device is used during the public speaking.

Registration

4.—(1) A citizen of Singapore who desires to be exempted under this Order shall provide in person to a registration officer at the designated place, not earlier than 30 days before the public speaking at the Speakers’ Corner —