Trust Companies Regulations

Table of Contents

Part I PRELIMINARY

- 1 Citation
- 2 Definitions
- 3 Forms
- 4 Fees

Part II REGULATION OF LICENSED TRUST COMPANIES

- 5 Change of particulars of licensed trust company
- 6 Lapsing of licence
- 7 Return of licence
- 8 Number of resident managers
- 9 Application and criteria for appointment of resident manager and director
- 10 Duties of resident manager and director

Part III FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 11 Minimum financial requirements for trust companies
- 12 Maintenance of net asset value and qualifying assets
- 13 Where net asset value or qualifying assets falls below required amount

PDF created date on: 27 Feb 2022

14 Professional indemnity insurance

Part IV CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 15 Limits for unsecured credit and credit facilities
- 16 Advertisement
- 17 Prohibition of certain trades
- 18 Unclaimed moneys to be paid into court

Part V ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- 19 Preparation and lodgment of accounts
- 20 Books of licensed trust company

Part VI MISCELLANEOUS

- 21 Books in English language
- 22 Opportunity to be heard
- 23 Compoundable offences
- 24 Acceptance of composition of offence

THE SCHEDULE Acceptance of Offer of Composition Made by Monetary Authority of Singapore

Legislative History

TRUST COMPANIES ACT

(CHAPTER 336, SECTIONS 4(1)(b), 5(2), 6(1), 9(1), 10(1)(b), 13(3), 14(2), 28(5) AND (6), 69, 71 AND 82)

TRUST COMPANIES REGULATIONS

Rg 4

G.N. No. S 836/2005

REVISED EDITION 2006

(30th November 2006)

[1st February 2006]

PDF created date on: 27 Feb 2022

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Trust Companies Regulations.

Definitions

- 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires
 - "advertisement" means a dissemination or conveyance of information, or an invitation or solicitation, by any means or in any form, including
 - (a) publication in a newspaper, magazine, journal or other periodical;
 - (b) display of posters or notices;
 - (c) circulars, handbills, brochures, pamphlets, books or other documents;
 - (d) letters addressed to individuals or bodies;
 - (e) photographs or cinematograph films; or
 - (f) sound broadcasting, television, the Internet or other media;
 - "licence" means a trust business licence granted under the Act;
 - "net asset value", in relation to a corporation, means the excess of the value of the assets owned by the corporation over its liabilities.

Forms

- 3.—(1) The forms to be used for the purposes of these Regulations are those set out at the Authority's Internet website at http://www.mas.gov.sg (under "Trust Companies"), and any reference in these Regulations to a numbered form shall be construed as a reference to the current version of the form bearing the corresponding number in that website.
- (2) Where any provision of these Regulations provides for the lodgment of any document with the Authority, that document shall be lodged with the Authority in the relevant form and in the manner specified in the website referred to in paragraph (1), or in such other manner as the Authority may specify from time to time.
- (3) All forms used for the purposes of these Regulations shall be completed in the English language and in accordance with such directions as may be specified in the forms or by the Authority.
- (4) The Authority may refuse to accept any form that is not completed in accordance with this regulation.
- (5) Where strict compliance with any form is not possible, the Authority may allow for the necessary modifications to be made to that form, or for the requirements of that form to be complied with in such other manner as the Authority thinks fit.
- (6) Where the period of time within which a document required under the Act or these Regulations to be lodged with the Authority is not specified, the document shall be lodged within 14 days after the occurrence of the event to which the document relates.

Fees

- **4.**—(1) The application fee payable to the Authority under section 4(1) of the Act in respect of an application for a trust business licence shall be \$1,000.
- (2) The licence fee for a period of one year or part thereof payable to the Authority under section 6 of the Act by a licensed trust company shall be \$4,000.
- (3) The Authority may, as it thinks fit, waive the whole or any part of the licence fee payable by the licensed trust company.
- (4) Where the licensed trust company fails to pay the licence fee by the day on which the fee is due as determined in accordance with guidelines issued by the Authority, the Authority may impose a late payment fee not exceeding \$100 for every day or part thereof that the payment is late, subject to a maximum of \$3,000.
- (5) Payment of fees may be made through such electronic funds transfer system as the Authority may designate from time to time, whereby payment may be effected by directing the transfer of funds electronically from the bank account of the payer to a bank account designated by the Authority.

PDF created date on: 27 Feb 2022

PART II

REGULATION OF LICENSED TRUST COMPANIES

Change of particulars of licensed trust company

- **5.**—(1) For the purposes of section 9(1)(f) of the Act, whenever
 - (a) there is a change in the registered address in Singapore of a licensed trust company;
 - (b) there is a change in the email address or contact number in Singapore of a licensed trust company; or
 - (c) a director of a licensed trust company ceases to hold office or to be in the employment of the licensed trust company,

the licensed trust company shall, not later than 14 days after the occurrence of such event, furnish particulars thereof to the Authority.

- (2) Paragraph (1)(c) shall not apply where a director of a licensed trust company has been removed from office or employment pursuant to section 14 of the Act.
- (3) Where any change occurs to any of the particulars (including any particulars referred to in paragraph (1)) that have been furnished to the Authority by a licensed trust company under section 9 of the Act, the licensed trust company shall notify the Authority of such change in Form 2 within 14 days after the change takes place.

Lapsing of licence

- **6.** For the purposes of section 10(1)(b) of the Act, where the Authority has not revoked a licence under section 10(2)(b) of the Act, the licence shall lapse where
 - (a) the licensed trust company has not commenced trust business within 6 months (or such longer period as the Authority may allow) from the date of the grant of the licence; or
 - (b) the licensed trust company
 - (i) has ceased to carry on its trust business;
 - (ii) has not resumed any trust business for a continuous period of 14 days from the date of cessation of its trust business; and
 - (iii) has not notified the Authority of such cessation of its trust business at any time during the period of 14 days from the date of the cessation.

PDF created date on: 27 Feb 2022