

Public Entertainments and Meetings (Exemptions) Order

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1. This Order may be cited as the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Exemptions) Order.

Definitions

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

“bowling centre” means any place to which the public or any class of the public

has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, for the primary purpose of bowling;

“carnival ride” includes any roller coaster ride, merry-go-round, battery-operated car, kiddie ride and inflatable play structures;

“children” means persons of 12 years of age or below;

“constituency” means an electoral division under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap. 218) and includes a group representation constituency;

“constituency activity”, in relation to a constituency, means any activity organised for the benefit and participation of the residents of the constituency, and for which a licence is required under the Act;

“fun fair” means an amusement fair which is, or may be, established and operated for a continuous period of not more than 31 days in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise;

“group representation constituency” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Parliamentary Elections Act;

“registered professional engineer” means a professional engineer registered under the Professional Engineers Act (Cap. 253).

Exemptions

Chinese opera, etc.

3.—(1) Any event (other than any constituency activity) wholly comprising —

- (a) Chinese opera;
- (b) Chinese classical puppet show;
- (c) classical instrumental music performance; or
- (d) “sing-song” << 歌 台 >>,

in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (i) the event commences not earlier than 11 a.m. and ends not later than 10.30 p.m.;
- (ii) not more than 2 loudspeakers are used during the event;
- (iii) any loudspeaker used during the event is inclined downwards and

- positioned to face the audience;
- (iv) any stage, structure, shed or fixture used or to be used for the event is not —
 - (A) installed, erected or constructed; or
 - (B) removed or dismantled,between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.;
 - (v) no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers;
 - (vi) no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
 - (vii) the performers are not indecently attired;
 - (viii) in the case of sub-paragraph (d) —
 - (A) there is no transvestite performance; and
 - (B) the performers do not mingle with the audience in any manner during their performance or while dressed in their performance attire;
 - (ix) no member of the audience is invited to the stage or any other performance area during the event;
 - (x) the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
 - (xi) the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Certain events at hotels or shopping centres

- (2) Any event (other than any constituency activity) wholly comprising —
- (a) the performance of music, singing or dancing by or for children ;
 - (b) any puppet show (other than any Chinese classical puppet show);
 - (c) any magic show;
 - (d) the transmission of recorded music by any disc jockey; or
 - (e) any organised competition at games of skill,
- in a plaza, concourse, atrium or lobby of any hotel or shopping centre, is exempted from

the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (i) not more than 2 loudspeakers are used during the event;
- (ii) any loudspeaker used during the event is inclined downwards and positioned to face the audience;
- (iii) no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the performers or, in the case of sub-paragraph (d), by any disc jockey;
- (iv) no vulgar or obscene song is performed;
- (v) the performers are not indecently attired;
- (vi) there is no transvestite performance;
- (vii) the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
- (viii) the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Busking

(3) Busking by any person in any place to which the public or any class of the public has access, whether gratuitously or otherwise, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) the busking takes place only at a place designated by the National Arts Council and a copy of the letter of endorsement of the busking from the National Arts Council is displayed at a conspicuous area thereat; and
- (b) during the busking, the person does not —
 - (i) obstruct, or cause obstruction to, pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
 - (ii) actively solicit any donation;
 - (iii) use any sound amplification device, other than those that are battery-operated; or
 - (iv) make any vulgar or obscene gesture or remark.

Fashion shows, etc.

- (4) Any event wholly comprising —

- (a) any fashion show or beauty pageant in any cabaret, nightclub, lounge, discotheque or pub;
- (b) any bridal show in any enclosed place; or
- (c) any fashion show in any enclosed place (other than a cabaret, nightclub, lounge, discotheque or pub) where no swimwear or lingerie is modelled,

for which a licence is required under the Act, is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with:

- (i) no vulgar or obscene gesture or remark is made by any of the models, contestants or other participants;
- (ii) the models, contestants or other participants of the event are not indecently attired;
- (iii) in the case of sub-paragraph (a) —
 - (A) the event commences not earlier than and ends not later than the operation hours of the cabaret, nightclub, lounge, discotheque or pub permitted by the Licensing Officer; and
 - (B) barricades of at least one metre in height are provided at least one metre around the stage and any other event area;
- (iv) in the case of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) —
 - (A) a raised platform of at least one metre in height is used by the participants during the event; and
 - (B) barricades of at least one metre in height are provided at least one metre around the platform;
- (v) the organiser of the event, or an authorised agent of the organiser, is present at the place of the event at all times during the event; and
- (vi) the organiser notifies any police officer on duty at any Neighbourhood Police Post, Neighbourhood Police Centre or Police Land Division, at least 7 days before the event, in such form and manner as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Bowling

(5) Bowling in any bowling centre is exempted from the Act if the following conditions are complied with: