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## JOHOR BAHRU-SINGAPORE RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM LINK ACT 2026

An Act to give effect to the Government of Malaysia's obligations under certain provisions in the Agreements between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the Johor Bahru–Singapore Rapid Transit System Link relating to the performance of customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions at the co-located customs, immigration and quarantine facilities within the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station, Johor Bahru in Malaysia and Woodlands North Station in the Republic of Singapore and the management of cross-border incident and to provide for related matters.

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WHEREAS it is expedient to give effect to the Bilateral Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the Johor Bahru–Singapore Rapid Transit System Link done at the Republic of Singapore on 16 January 2018, which includes, inter alia, the Amending Letters to the Bilateral Agreement exchanged by diplomatic notes between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore dated 30 July 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Supplementary Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the Johor Bahru–Singapore Rapid Transit System Link was done at the Republic of Singapore on 4 December 2025;

AND WHEREAS under Article 18(2) of the Supplementary Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the Johor Bahru–Singapore Rapid Transit System Link, the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall take the necessary steps to enact their respective legislation to give effect to certain provisions of the Bilateral Agreement and the Supplementary Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, **IT IS ENACTED** by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

#### **Short title and commencement**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link Act 2026.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.

#### **Interpretation**

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

“Malaysian enforcement agency” means—

- (a) the Malaysia Border Control and Protection Agency;
- (b) the Royal Malaysia Police;
- (c) the Royal Malaysian Customs Department;
- (d) the National Anti-Drugs Agency;
- (e) the Enforcement and Control Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs; or
- (f) any other agencies, departments or authorities determined by the Minister;

“intermediary entity” means an entity appointed by the Government of Malaysia for the purposes of the Agreements;

“public security incident” means an incident where there is a threat of harm or actual harm arising from an act that may result in mass casualties and that requires a response exceeding routine measures;

“cross-border incident” means a fire or rescue incident, hazardous material incident, medical emergency, or public security incident that occurs—

- (a) on the Rapid Transit System Link train in transit;
- (b) on the Rapid Transit System Link crossing between Pier 47 and Pier 48; or
- (c) on the Rapid Transit System Link tracks between Pier 47 and Pier 48;

“designated area” means the area as delineated in the map set out in the Agreements consisting of—

- (a) in relation to Bukit Chagar Station—
  - (i) the co-located customs, immigration and quarantine facility of the Government of the Republic of Singapore;
  - (ii) the departure train platform;
  - (iii) the pathway between the areas referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii);
  - (iv) the joint closed-circuit television monitoring room;
  - (v) route and handover room of a person in custody; and
  - (vi) the enclosed offices of the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer; and

(b) in relation to Woodlands North Station—

- (i) the co-located customs, immigration and quarantine facility of the Government of Malaysia;
- (ii) the departure train platform;
- (iii) the pathway between the areas referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii);
- (iv) the joint closed-circuit television monitoring room;
- (v) route and handover room of a person in custody; and
- (vi) the enclosed offices of the Malaysian enforcement officer;

“co-located customs, immigration and quarantine facility” means an area within the designated area where the customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions are performed at Bukit Chagar Station or at Woodlands North Station;

“Governments” means the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore;

“Rapid Transit System Link train in transit” means a Rapid Transit System Link train or service vehicle travelling between Bukit Chagar Station and Woodlands North Station, from the moment the train or service vehicle departs from or passes one of these stations until the moment immediately before the train or service vehicle stops at or passes the same station when returning or stops at or passes the other station, whichever occurs first;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs in Malaysia;

“Malaysian enforcement officer” means an officer of Malaysian enforcement agency;

“Republic of Singapore enforcement officer” means an officer of the Republic of Singapore enforcement agency;

“Malaysian cross-border incident management officer” means a public officer appointed or any other person engaged by the Government of Malaysia to respond to and manage a cross-border incident;

“Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer” means a public officer appointed or any other person engaged by the Government of the Republic of Singapore to respond to and manage a cross-border incident;

“Agreements” means the Bilateral Agreement and the Supplementary Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore relating to the Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link;

“Bilateral Agreement” means the Bilateral Agreement between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore relating to the Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link;

“Rapid Transit System Link service” means all passenger train services operated between the Bukit Chagar Station and Woodlands North Station;

“Rapid Transit System Link” means a railway link that spans across the Straits of Johore for the provision of the Rapid Transit System Link service and includes the Rapid Transit System Link infrastructure and the Rapid Transit System Link assets;

“Bukit Chagar Station” means the Rapid Transit System Link Bukit Chagar Station in Johor Bahru in Malaysia;

“Woodlands North Station” means the Rapid Transit System Link Woodlands North Station in the Republic of Singapore;

“incident management duties” means security, firefighting, rescue, hazardous material response or medical response functions;

“official duties” means the customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and the security functions.

**Application**

3. This Act shall apply—

- (a) for the period during which the Agreements are in force;
- (b) to a Malaysian enforcement officer performing official duties in the designated area at Woodlands North Station;
- (c) to a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer performing official duties in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station; and
- (d) to a Malaysian cross-border incident management officer and a Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer performing incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident.

**Act to be read together with other written laws of Malaysia**

4. (1) This Act shall be read together with any other written laws of Malaysia relating to the performance of customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions as specified in the Schedule and cross-border incident management, and the provisions of this Act shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, the provisions of such other written laws.

(2) In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Act and those of any other written laws, the provisions of this Act shall prevail and the conflicting or inconsistent provisions of other written laws shall, to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency, be deemed to be superseded.

**Reciprocal arrangement by the Government of the Republic of Singapore**

5. The conferment of any duty, power, protection or privilege to a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer and a Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer under this Act pursuant to the Agreements shall be subject to and contingent upon, the Government of the Republic of Singapore providing equivalent and reciprocal provisions in respect of Malaysian enforcement officer and a Malaysian cross-border incident management officer under the written laws of the Republic of Singapore.

PART II

INTERMEDIARY ENTITY

**Intermediary entity**

6. An intermediary entity shall co-ordinate, manage and facilitate the deployment of the Malaysian enforcement officers at Woodlands North Station and of the Republic of Singapore enforcement officers at Bukit Chagar Station.

PART III

DEPLOYMENT OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

**Deployment of Malaysian enforcement officer at Woodlands North Station**

7. (1) The Head of Department of the Malaysian enforcement agency may deploy such number of Malaysian enforcement officers of that enforcement agency as may be necessary at Woodlands North Station for the purposes of the Malaysian enforcement officers performing official duties.

(2) The deployment of a Malaysian enforcement officer at Woodlands North Station under subsection (1) shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Government of the Republic of Singapore which shall be given within thirty days from the date the Government of the Republic of Singapore receives the complete particulars of the Malaysian enforcement officer from the Government of Malaysia.

(3) The Government of the Republic of Singapore may cause to be issued a relevant pass to every Malaysian enforcement officer whose deployment has been approved under subsection (2).

(4) A Malaysian enforcement officer to whom the relevant pass has been issued under subsection (3) shall, upon the request by the Government of the Republic of Singapore authorities, produce his pass or other evidence of identity for verification while performing official duties at Woodlands North Station.

(5) A Malaysian enforcement officer may, while performing official duties at Woodlands North Station, wear the uniform or any visible distinctive insignia of his enforcement agency.

(6) The Government of Malaysia shall recall any of the Malaysian enforcement officer deployed at Woodlands North Station if required by the Government of the Republic of Singapore.

(7) The Government of Malaysia shall, not less than seven days before the date of the deployment of a Malaysian enforcement officer at Woodlands North Station comes to an end, notify the Government of the Republic of Singapore in writing.

(8) Where a Malaysian enforcement officer is recalled under subsection (6) or his deployment comes to an end, the Government of Malaysia shall ensure that the relevant pass issued to such Malaysian enforcement officer under subsection (3) is surrendered to the Government of the Republic of Singapore no later than the last day of the Malaysian enforcement officer's deployment.

### **Deployment of Republic of Singapore enforcement officer at Bukit Chagar Station**

**8.** (1) The deployment of a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer at Bukit Chagar Station for the performance of official duties shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Government of Malaysia which shall be given within thirty days from the date the Government of Malaysia receives the complete particulars of the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer from the Government of the Republic of Singapore.

(2) The Government of Malaysia may cause to be issued a security pass to every Republic of Singapore enforcement officer whose deployment has been approved under subsection (1).

(3) A Republic of Singapore enforcement officer to whom a security pass has been issued under subsection (2) shall, upon the request by the Government of Malaysia authorities, produce his security pass or other evidence of identity for verification while performing official duties at Bukit Chagar Station.

(4) A Republic of Singapore enforcement officer may, while performing official duties at Bukit Chagar Station, wear the uniform or any visible distinctive insignia of his enforcement agency.

(5) The Government of Malaysia may at any time, require the Government of the Republic of Singapore to recall any of the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer deployed at Bukit Chagar Station without providing any reason and the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall recall such enforcement officer.

(6) The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall, not less than seven days before the date the deployment of a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer at Bukit Chagar Station comes to an end, notify the Government of Malaysia in writing.

(7) Where a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer is recalled under subsection (5) or his deployment comes to an end, the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall ensure that the security pass issued to such Republic of Singapore enforcement officer under subsection (2) is surrendered to the Government of Malaysia no later than the last day of the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer's deployment.

### **Deployment of enforcement officer in exceptional circumstances**

**9.** (1) Notwithstanding sections 7 and 8, the Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore in exceptional circumstances, may, without obtaining prior written approval from each other, deploy a Malaysian enforcement officer or a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer to perform official duties at Bukit Chagar Station or Woodlands North Station for a period not exceeding three days provided that before the deployment—

- (a) the Government deploying the enforcement officer notifies as soon as practicable the other Government of the exceptional circumstances necessitating such deployment and provides the other Government the complete particulars of the enforcement officer to be deployed; and
- (b) the other Government has acknowledged receipt in writing of the complete particulars as provided by the deploying Government.

(2) Where the exceptional circumstances continue to exist beyond three days, the deploying Government may request from the other Government for an approval—

- (a) to extend the deployment of its enforcement officer for a specific number of days reasonably necessary until the exceptional circumstances have subsided or come to an end; or
- (b) where it is not possible to determine the specific number of days, to continue the deployment of the enforcement officer subject to the provisions of sections 7 and 8.

(3) Pending the approval for an extension or continuation of deployment under subsection (2), the enforcement officer may continue to be deployed at Bukit Chagar Station or Woodlands North Station, as the case may be.

(4) A Malaysian enforcement officer or a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer deployed under this section may, while performing official duties at Bukit Chagar Station or Woodlands North Station, as the case may be, wear the uniform or any visible distinctive insignia of his enforcement agency.

(5) The Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore may at any time, require the other Government to recall any of its enforcement officers deployed under this section without providing any reason.

(6) For the purposes of this section, “exceptional circumstances” means—

- (a) a disruption to the system or process relating to the customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions;
- (b) a serious public health event declared by either the Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore;
- (c) the resumption of train service operations following any suspension of such service; or
- (d) any other exceptional circumstances as may be agreed by the Governments.

**Deployment prior to the commencement of the Rapid Transit System Link service**

**10.** (1) The Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore may, prior to the commencement of the Rapid Transit System Link service, deploy its enforcement officers at Woodlands North Station or Bukit Chagar Station, as the case may be, for the purposes of the enforcement officers carrying out any preparatory works related to the performance of their official duties.

(2) Sections 7 and 8 shall apply for the purposes of the deployment of Malaysian enforcement officers and the Republic of Singapore enforcement officers under this section.

(3) The Malaysian enforcement officers and the Republic of Singapore enforcement officers deployed under this section shall be deemed to have been deployed for the purpose of performing official duties and shall have the same powers conferred on and the same protection given to the enforcement officers performing official duties under this Act.

PART IV

POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

**Powers of enforcement officer in designated area**

**11.** (1) For the purpose of performing official duties in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station, a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer shall have the powers—

- (a) to require a person entering into the Republic of Singapore to present his travel and import documents for inspection and provide biometric data;
- (b) to require a person entering into the Republic of Singapore to furnish such information as may be required under the written laws of the Republic of Singapore for entry including declaration and health-related information and documentation;

- (c) to conduct interviews for the purposes of customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions;
- (d) to conduct luggage, cargo and consensual body search;
- (e) to deny the entry of an undesirable person into the Republic of Singapore including denying such undesirable person from boarding any Rapid Transit System Link train;
- (f) to require a person entering into the Republic of Singapore who has contracted or is suspected to have, or is at risk of, an infectious disease declared as a public health emergency of international concern or of concern to Ministry of Health of the Government of the Republic of Singapore to undergo medical examination or be subject to isolation or quarantine;
- (g) to apprehend, restrain, escort or hold, for the purpose of transferring without undue delay to the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia any person who has been denied entry into the Republic of Singapore;
- (h) to apprehend, restrain, escort or hold, for the purpose of transferring without undue delay to the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia any person who is suspected of—
  - (i) having committed an offence under any written law of the Republic of Singapore relating to the customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions;
  - (ii) having involved in incidents affecting law and order of Malaysia and the Republic of Singapore as approved by the Bilateral Committee; or
  - (iii) presenting a danger to human life or safety;

- (i) to restrain, escort or hold, for the purpose of transferring without undue delay to the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia a person entering into the Republic of Singapore who has contracted or is suspected to have, or is at risk of, an infectious disease declared as a public health emergency of international concern or of concern to Ministry of Health of the Government of the Republic of Singapore to undergo medical examination or be subject to isolation or quarantine;
  - (j) to conduct a body search on a person who is restrained or held where the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that such person presents a danger to human life or safety;
  - (k) to carry and use restraining devices such as nightsticks, flexi-cuffs and handcuffs;
  - (l) to use reasonable force in exercising the powers under paragraphs (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k); and
  - (m) to take and transfer, without undue delay to the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia—
    - (i) any prohibited or controlled item detected during customs, immigration and quarantine clearance inspection or body search; and
    - (ii) any other items detected during the exercise of powers under paragraph (h) or (j).
- (2) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) “prohibited or controlled item” means a prohibited or controlled item in the list consolidated jointly by the Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore; and
  - (b) “Bilateral Committee” means the committee jointly established by the Governments under the Bilateral Agreement.

(3) For the purpose of performing official duties in the designated area at Woodlands North Station, a Malaysian enforcement officer shall have the same powers conferred on a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer under this section.

(4) The Republic of Singapore enforcement officer exercising his powers under this section may—

- (a) upon request by the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia, assist to apprehend, restrain, escort or hold any person in the designated area suspected of committing an offence under any written law of Malaysia for the purpose of transferring without undue delay such person to the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia; or
- (b) request the assistance of the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia to apprehend, restrain, escort or hold any person in the designated area and the relevant authorities of the Government of Malaysia receiving the request, may comply with the request.

### **Applicable written laws in designated area**

**12.** For the purposes of the performance of official duties and the exercise of powers in the designated area by enforcement officers, the following written laws shall apply:

- (a) in the case of a Malaysian enforcement officer in the designated area at Woodlands North Station, the written laws of Malaysia as specified in the Schedule; and
- (b) in the case of a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station, the relevant written laws of the Republic of Singapore necessary for the performance of the customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions.

PART V

CROSS-BORDER INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

**Notification of cross-border incident or other incident**

**13.** The Government of Malaysia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall provide timely updates to each other—

- (a) of any cross-border incident; or
- (b) of any other incident involving the commission of an offence under any written law of Malaysia or the Republic of Singapore on the Rapid Transit System Link crossing, on the Rapid Transit System Link tracks, or on a Rapid Transit System Link train in transit.

**Cross-border incident or other incident occurring on Rapid Transit System Link train in transit**

**14.** (1) Where a cross-border incident or any other incident involving the commission of an offence under any written law of Malaysia or the Republic of Singapore occurs or has occurred on a Rapid Transit System Link train in transit—

- (a) the Government of Malaysia shall be responsible for managing the incident if the Rapid Transit System Link train journey is completed within the territory of Malaysia; or
- (b) the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall be responsible for managing the incident if the Rapid Transit System Link train journey is completed within the territory of the Republic of Singapore.

(2) Where a cross-border incident occurs or has occurred on a Rapid Transit System Link train travelling from the Republic of Singapore to Malaysia but comes to a stop before Pier 47 and is unable to complete its journey, the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall be responsible for managing the cross-border incident.

(3) Where a cross-border incident occurs or has occurred on a Rapid Transit System Link train travelling from Malaysia to the Republic of Singapore but comes to a stop before Pier 48 and is unable to complete its journey, the Government of Malaysia shall be responsible for managing the cross-border incident.

(4) Where a cross-border incident occurs or has occurred on a Rapid Transit System Link train in transit which comes to a stop straddling Pier 47 and Pier 48 and is unable to complete its journey—

- (a) if the nose of the Rapid Transit System Link train travelling from the Republic of Singapore to Malaysia has crossed Pier 47, the Government of Malaysia shall be responsible for managing the cross-border incident; and
- (b) if the nose of the Rapid Transit System Link train travelling from Malaysia to the Republic of Singapore has crossed Pier 48, the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall be responsible for managing the cross-border incident.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4), regardless of whether the Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore is responsible for the management of a cross-border incident which occurs or has occurred on a Rapid Transit System Link train in transit—

- (a) where the Malaysian cross-border incident management officer is the first to arrive at the scene of a cross-border incident the management of which is under the responsibility of the Government of the Republic of Singapore, he may commence emergency response operations; and
- (b) where the Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer is the first to arrive at the scene of a cross-border incident the management of which is under the responsibility of the Government of Malaysia, he may commence emergency response operations.

**Cross-border incident or other incident occurring on Rapid Transit System Link crossing or tracks**

**15.** (1) Where a cross-border incident or any other incident involving the commission of an offence under any written law of Malaysia or the Republic of Singapore occurs or has occurred on the Rapid Transit System Link crossing between Pier 47 and Pier 48 or on the Rapid Transit System Link tracks between Pier 47 and Pier 48, the Government whose cross-border incident management officer first arrives at the scene of the cross-border incident shall be responsible for managing the cross-border incident.

(2) For the purposes of this section, where a cross-border incident occurs or has occurred on the Rapid Transit System Link crossing between Pier 47 and Pier 48 or on the Rapid Transit System Link tracks between Pier 47 and Pier 48, a cross-border incident management officer of any of the Governments who first arrives at the scene of a cross-border incident may commence emergency response operations.

**Assistance and support**

**16.** Where assistance or support is required by the Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore in managing a cross-border incident under sections 14 and 15, the Government requiring such assistance or support may request from the other Government to facilitate the management of the cross-border incident and the Government receiving such request shall comply with the request.

**Cross-border movement during cross-border incident occurrence**

**17.** (1) Where it becomes necessary for a Malaysian cross-border incident management officer in responding to or managing a cross-border incident to cross Pier 47 or for the Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer to cross Pier 48, the respective cross-border incident management officer shall obtain the prior consent of the Government of the Republic of Singapore or the Government of Malaysia, as the case may be, before doing so.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), prior consent of the Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore shall not be required if the cross-border incident referred to in subsection (1) involves fire or rescue operation or response to hazardous material or medical emergency, provided that the Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore, as the case may be, is informed before the cross-border incident management officer crosses Pier 47 or Pier 48.

(3) Where a cross-border incident referred to in subsection (2) has been subsequently determined to also involve a public security incident, the cross-border incident management officer who has already entered the territory of the other Government to respond to or manage the cross-border incident, may remain in that territory until instructed otherwise by the Government responsible for managing the cross-border incident.

### **Powers of Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer**

**18.** (1) A Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer shall, in the performance of incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident in the territory of Malaysia—

(a) have the powers—

- (i) to conduct searches;
- (ii) to carry or discharge firearms;
- (iii) to carry or use tasers or other less lethal weapons or equipment;
- (iv) to carry or use non-lethal weapons or equipment;
- (v) to remove any object impeding the operations;
- (vi) to remove any person whose life, health or safety is, or in the opinion of the cross-border incident management officer may be endangered;

- (vii) to prohibit the movement of any person and stopping the movement of the Rapid Transit System Link train or service vehicle;
- (viii) to disconnect the supply of electricity or ordering persons having control of the supply to disconnect the supply of electricity;
- (ix) to require any person whom the cross-border incident management officer has reason to suspect has been exposed to hazardous material to undergo medical examination or medical treatment;
- (x) to seize any item which the cross-border incident management officer has reason to suspect has been contaminated by hazardous material and dispose of the item; and
- (xi) to use reasonable force in exercising the powers under subparagraphs (i) to (x); and

(b) have the powers under section 11 with the necessary modifications and in so far as applicable.

(2) A Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer may exercise the powers under subsection (1)—

- (a) on the Rapid Transit System Link crossing between Pier 47 and Pier 48, including the tracks thereon;
- (b) on the Rapid Transit System Link train or service vehicle in transit; and
- (c) at any surrounding area reasonably required for the performance of incident management duties in respect of the cross-border incident.

(3) For the purpose of performing incident management duties in the territory of the Republic of Singapore, the Malaysian cross-border incident management officer shall have the same powers conferred on a Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer under this section.

## PART VI

## CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

**Criminal jurisdiction in respect of offences committed on Rapid Transit System Link train in transit and on Rapid Transit System Link crossing and tracks**

**19.** (1) The Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore may exercise its criminal jurisdiction in relation to an act or omission constituting an offence under the written laws of Malaysia or the Republic of Singapore if the act or omission is committed in the following areas:

- (a) on the Rapid Transit System Link train in transit but excluding the train platform;
- (b) on the Rapid Transit System Link crossing between Pier 47 and Pier 48; or
- (c) on the Rapid Transit System Link tracks between Pier 47 and Pier 48.

(2) Where an act or omission constituting an offence under the written laws of Malaysia or the Republic of Singapore is committed in the area referred to in paragraph (1)(a) and the Governments may exercise their criminal jurisdiction in relation to the offence, the Government in whose territory the train journey is completed shall have the primary right to exercise its criminal jurisdiction.

(3) Where an act or omission constituting an offence under the written laws of Malaysia or the Republic of Singapore involves a cross-border incident and is committed in the areas referred to in paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c) and the Governments may exercise their criminal jurisdiction in relation to the offence, the Government responsible for managing the cross-border incident which has arisen from the offence shall have the primary right to exercise its criminal jurisdiction in relation to the offence.

(4) Where any of the Governments having the primary right to exercise its criminal jurisdiction referred to in subsections (2) and (3) decides not to exercise such right, the Government making that decision shall inform its decision to the other Government without undue delay and the other Government may exercise its criminal jurisdiction in relation to the offence.

(5) Where the other Government decides not to exercise its criminal jurisdiction under subsection (4), the Government having the primary right to exercise its criminal jurisdiction shall be obliged to exercise its criminal jurisdiction in accordance with its written laws.

**Criminal jurisdiction in respect of offence committed in designated area at Woodlands North Station**

**20.** The Government of Malaysia may exercise its criminal jurisdiction in relation to any act or omission constituting an offence under the written laws of Malaysia as specified in the Schedule committed in connection with customs, immigration and quarantine clearance functions and security functions in the designated area at the Woodlands North Station.

**Jurisdiction of court of Malaysia**

**21.** Notwithstanding any other written laws of Malaysia, any offence committed under any written law of Malaysia in which the criminal jurisdiction of which is provided under this Act, may be inquired into or tried before the court of competent jurisdiction in Malaysia and where such offence is committed outside Malaysia, the offence shall be deemed to have been committed at any place within Malaysia.

PART VII

PROTECTION AND PRIVILEGES

**Protection of Republic of Singapore enforcement officer and Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer**

**22.** (1) No action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought, instituted or maintained in any court of competence jurisdiction in Malaysia or by any administrative means against the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer on account of or in respect of any act, neglect or default done or omitted by him in the course of performing his official duties in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall prevent any action, suit, prosecution or other proceedings or other administrative means to be taken against such Republic of Singapore enforcement officer in the Republic of Singapore in respect of any act, neglect or default done or omitted by him in the course of performing his official duties under this Act in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station.

(3) The protection conferred to the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer under subsection (1) shall continue to apply notwithstanding that the enforcement officer has ceased to be a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer.

(4) The protection conferred to the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer under subsection (1) may be waived by the Government of the Republic of Singapore, in writing by itself or upon the request by the Government of Malaysia.

(5) The protection conferred under this section shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to a Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer in the performance of incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident management, notwithstanding that such cross-border incident management officer is not present within the territory of Malaysia.

(6) For the purpose of performing official duties in the designated area at Woodlands North Station and incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident, a Malaysian enforcement officer and a Malaysian cross-border incident management officer shall enjoy the same protection conferred on a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer and a Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer under this section.

### **Protection of official documents, etc., of Republic of Singapore**

**23.** (1) The Government of Malaysia shall ensure that all official documents, devices and equipment of the Government of the Republic of Singapore are inviolable at all times in the following areas in the territory of Malaysia:

- (a) the Bukit Chagar Station, including the co-located customs, immigration and quarantine facility of the Government of the Republic of Singapore;

- (b) the Rapid Transit System Link trains;
- (c) the Rapid Transit System Link train platforms;
- (d) the car parks designated for the Republic of Singapore enforcement officers;
- (e) any walkways linking any of the areas referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d); and
- (f) the areas referred to in subsection 18(2).

(2) The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall ensure that all official documents, devices and equipment of the Government of Malaysia are inviolable at all times in the following areas in the territory of the Republic of Singapore:

- (a) the Woodlands North Station, including the co-located customs, immigration and quarantine facility of the Government of Malaysia;
- (b) the Rapid Transit System Link trains;
- (c) the Rapid Transit System Link train platforms;
- (d) the car parks designated for the Malaysian enforcement officers;
- (e) any walkways linking any of the areas referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d); and
- (f) the areas referred to in subsection 18(2).

### **Data protection**

**24.** (1) Any information or data collected or generated by any Republic of Singapore enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station shall—

- (a) be treated by the Governments as if such information or data were collected or generated in the territory of the Republic of Singapore; and

(b) be governed by the written laws of the Republic of Singapore, including those relating to the protection of personal data and official secrets against unauthorized access, use or disclosure.

(2) Any information or data collected or generated by any Malaysian enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties in the designated area at Woodlands North Station shall—

(a) be treated by the Governments as if such information or data were collected or generated in the territory of Malaysia; and

(b) be governed by the written laws of Malaysia, including those relating to the protection of personal data and official secrets against unauthorized access, use or disclosure.

(3) Any information or data contained in the official documents, devices or equipment of the Government of Malaysia in the areas referred to in paragraphs 23(2)(a) to (e) at Woodlands North Station shall be treated by the Governments as if the information and data is residing in the territory of Malaysia and shall be governed by the written laws of Malaysia and policies of the Government of Malaysia.

(4) Any information or data contained in the official documents, devices or equipment of the Government of the Republic of Singapore located in the areas referred to in paragraphs 23(1)(a) to (e) at Bukit Chagar Station shall be treated by the Governments as if the information and data is residing in the territory of the Republic of Singapore and shall be governed by the written laws of the Republic of Singapore and policies of the Government of the Republic of Singapore.

(5) The protection under this section shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to—

(a) the data collected or generated by the Malaysian cross-border incident management officers and the Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officers in the performance of their incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident; and

- (b) the information or data contained in the official documents, devices or equipment used by the Government of Malaysia or the Government of the Republic of Singapore during cross-border incident management.

**Arrangement relating to goods of Republic of Singapore enforcement officer**

**25.** (1) The Government of Malaysia shall facilitate the issuance of any declaration, licence, permit or approval required under the written laws of Malaysia for the entry and exit of goods for the official use of the Republic of Singapore enforcement officer in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station.

(2) Upon an application from the Government of the Republic of Singapore, the Government of Malaysia shall exempt the goods for the official use of a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer in the designated area at Bukit Chagar Station from the payment of any customs duties, excise duties or other taxes under the written laws of Malaysia.

(3) This section shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to goods for the official use of a Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer in the performance of his incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident.

(4) The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall make the same arrangements as provided for under this section to be applicable to goods for the official use of—

- (a) a Malaysian enforcement officers in the designated area at Woodlands North Station; and
- (b) a Malaysian cross-border incident management officer in the performance of his incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident.

**Provision relating to offences against Republic of Singapore enforcement officer and Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer**

26. For the purposes of the written laws of Malaysia relating to offences committed against a public servant, a Republic of Singapore enforcement officer and a Republic of Singapore cross-border incident management officer shall, while performing his official duties or incident management duties in respect of a cross-border incident in Malaysia, be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Penal Code [*Act 574*].

PART VIII

GENERAL

**Power to make regulations**

27. The Minister may make such regulations as may be expedient or necessary for giving full effect or for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

**Power to amend Schedule**

28. The Minister may, after consultation with the Minister charged with the responsibility for the relevant written laws in Malaysia, by order published in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

[Subsection 4(1), paragraph 12(a), and sections 20 and 28]

WRITTEN LAWS OF MALAYSIA

1. Access to Biological Resources and Benefit Sharing Act 2017 [*Act 795*]
2. Biosafety Act 2007 [*Act 678*]
3. Control of Supplies Act 1961 [*Act 122*]
4. Control of Smoking Products For Public Health Act 2024 [*Act 852*]
5. Copyright Act 1987 [*Act 332*]
6. Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 [*Act 504*]

7. Customs Act 1967 [*Act 235*]
8. Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 [*Act 234*]
9. Drug and Substance Dependents and Misusers (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act 1983 [*Act 283*]
10. Excise Act 1976 [*Act 176*]
11. Film Censorship Act 2002 [*Act 620*]
12. Food Act 1983 [*Act 281*]
13. Immigration Act 1959/63 [*Act 155*]
14. Malaysia Border Control and Protection Agency Act 2024 [*Act 860*]
15. Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Act 2011 [*Act 728*]
16. Medical Device Act 2012 [*Act 737*]
17. National Anti-Drugs Agency Act 2004 [*Act 638*]
18. Official Secrets Act 1972 [*Act 88*]
19. Passports Act 1966 [*Act 150*]
20. Poisons Act 1952 [*Act 366*]
21. Police Act 1967 [*Act 344*]
22. Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 [*Act 342*]
23. Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984 [*Act 301*]
24. Printing of Qur'anic Texts Act 1986 [*Act 326*]
25. Sales Tax Act 2018 [*Act 806*]
26. Sale of Drugs Act 1952 [*Act 368*]
27. Strategic Trade Act 2010 [*Act 708*]
28. Trademarks Act 2019 [*Act 815*]
29. Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 [*Act 716*]
30. International Trade in Endangered Species Act 2008 [*Act 686*]
31. Chemical Weapons Convention Act 2005 [*Act 641*]
32. Destruction of Disease-Bearing Insects Act 1975 [*Act 154*]

33. Land Public Transport Act 2010 [*Act 715*]
34. Arms Act 1960 [*Act 206*]
35. Protected Areas and Protected Places Act 1959 [*Act 298*]
36. Penal Code [*Act 574*]
37. Minor Offences Act 1955 [*Act 336*]
38. Financial Services Act 2013 [*Act 758*]
39. Islamic Financial Services Act 2013 [*Act 759*]
40. Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 [*Act 613*]