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INTERPRETATION ACT 1965

INTERPRETATION (DELEGATIONS BY MINISTER FOR LAW) ORDER 2024

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 of the Interpretation Act 1965, the Minister for Law makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Interpretation (Delegations by Minister for Law) Order 2024 and comes into operation on 1 March 2024.

Definitions

1A. In this Order —

“MinLaw political office holder” means —

- (a) any Second Minister for Law;
- (b) any Minister of State assigned by the Prime Minister to assist the Minister for Law; and
- (c) any Parliamentary Secretary assigned by the Prime Minister to assist the Minister for Law;

“Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law” means any Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Law.

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Delegations to political office holders

2. The Minister for Law, with the Prime Minister’s approval, delegates the functions under the provisions of the Acts specified in the first column of the First Schedule to the persons specified in the third column of the First Schedule, subject to the conditions (if any) specified in the fourth column of the First Schedule.

Delegations to other persons

3. The Minister for Law delegates the functions under the provisions of the Acts specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to the persons specified in the third column of the Second Schedule, subject to the conditions (if any) specified in the fourth column of the Second Schedule.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Paragraph 2

DELEGATIONS TO POLITICAL OFFICE HOLDERS

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1. Copyright Act 2021			
(1) Section 286(2)	Terms for doing public act	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 480(1), (4) and (5)	Appointment of president, deputy presidents and panel	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(3) Section 481	Appointment of secretary and other officers	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
2. Criminal Procedure Code 2010			
(1) Section 36(2)	Disposal of forfeited counterfeit currency or banknote, etc.	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 249(9)(b) and (c), (16), (17) and (18)	Confinement of person incapable of making defence	MinLaw political office holder	Nil

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(3) Section 252(6), (7), (13), (14) and (15)	Safe custody of person acquitted	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(4) Section 255(1)(b), (5), (6), (7), (8)(b), (12), (13) and (14)	Delivery of person confined under section 249 or 252 of that Act to care of relative or friend	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(5) Section 256(1), (2) and (3)	Procedure when person confined under section 249 or 252 of that Act, or released under section 249, 252 or 255 of that Act on any condition, certified fit for discharge or release	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(6) Section 256A(3)	Application for warrant of arrest against person who failed to comply with condition of certain release order	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
3. High Court (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Act 1961			
(1) Section 7(1)	Certification of claim to be determined in accordance with Rhine Navigation Convention	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
4. Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018			
(1) Section 50(2)	Exemption of individual from requirement of being qualified person	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 59(1), (2) and (3)	Appeal against certain decisions by licensing officer	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
5. Land Acquisition Act 1966			
(1) Section 26(2), (4), (5), (6) and (7)	Panel of assessors	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
6. Land Surveyors Act 1991			
(1) Section 4(2), (3) and (6)	Appointment of members of Land Surveyors Board	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
7. Legal Aid and Advice Act 1995			
(1) Section 8(5)	Authorisation of person to exercise certain	MinLaw political office holder	Nil

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	powers relating to Grant of Aid		
8. Moneylenders Act 2008			
(1) Section 8(3)	Appeal against refusal to issue or renew licence	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 10(4)	Appeal against revocation or suspension of licence	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(3) Section 11(8)	Appeal against revocation or suspension of approval of place of business	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(4) Section 12(4)	Appeal against forfeiture of licensee's security deposit	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(5) Section 58(7)	Appeal against cancellation of designation of designated credit bureau	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
9. Pawnbrokers Act 2015			
(1) Section 11	Appeal against Registrar's refusal to grant or renew licence	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 17	Appeal against certain decisions of Registrar relating to licensee's substantial shareholder, director or manager	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
(3) Section 39	Appeal against certain decisions of Registrar to vary, suspend or revoke licence, to order financial penalty or to forfeit security deposit to enforce financial penalty	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
10. Small Claims Tribunals Act 1984			
(1) Section 45	Direction to publish particulars relating to proceedings in tribunals	MinLaw political office holder	Nil
11. Trustees Act 1967			
(1) Section 65(2)	Grant of certificate of incorporation	MinLaw political office holder	Nil

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(2) Section 67(2)	Verification of statements and particulars	MinLaw political office holder	Nil

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Paragraph 3

DELEGATIONS TO OTHER PERSONS

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1. Bankruptcy Act (Cap. 20, 2009 Revised Edition)			
(1) Section 17(1), (2) and (3)	Appointment of Official Assignee and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 56Q(8)	Determination of members of Appeal Panel Committee	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
2. Boundaries and Survey Maps Act 1998			
(1) Section 3(1) and (2)	Appointment of Chief Surveyor	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
2A. Community Mediation Centres Act 1997			
(1) Section 4	Appointment of Director of Community Mediation Centre	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 8(1) and (2)	Appointment and revocation of appointment of mediator, determination of mediator's remuneration and approval of Code of Conduct	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(3) Section 16	Evaluation of Community Mediation Centre	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
3. Geographical Indications Act 2014			
(1) Section 17(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Geographical Indications and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Only in respect of the appointment of the Registrar of Geographical Indications
(2) Section 17(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Geographical Indications and other officers	Chief Executive, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Only in respect of the appointment of Deputy Registrars of Geographical Indications and Assistant Registrars of Geographical Indications

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4. Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018			
(1) Section 16(1), (3) and (4)	Appointment of Official Assignee and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 17(1), (3) and (4)	Appointment of Official Receiver and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(3) Section 49(1) and (4)	Appointment of licensing officer	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(4) Section 304(8)	Determination of members of Appeal Panel Committee	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
5. Land Acquisition Act 1966			
(1) Section 3(1)	Authorisation of officer to enter upon and survey land, etc.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 21	Appointment of Registrar of Board, other officers and employees	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
6. Land Revenue Collection Act 1940			
(1) Section 2(1) (definition of “Collector”)	Appointment of Collector of Land Revenue	Chief Executive, Singapore Land Authority	Nil
7. Land Titles Act 1993			
(1) Section 5(1)	Appointment of Registrar of Titles	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 5(2)	Appointment of Deputy Registrars of Titles and other officers	Chief Executive, Singapore Land Authority	Nil
(3) Section 5(3)	Creation of different grades for Deputy Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Titles	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
8. Legal Aid and Advice Act 1995			
(1) Section 3(1)	Appointment of Director, Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of Legal Aid	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
9. Moneylenders Act 2008			

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(1) Section 4	Appointment of Registrar of Moneylenders and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 91(1) and (2)(b)	Issue of certificate to exempt	(a) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law (b) Registrar of Moneylenders	Nil
(3) Section 91(4)	Variation or revocation of conditions of exemption	Registrar of Moneylenders	Nil
(4) Section 91(8) and (9)	Revocation of exemption	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
10. Patents Act 1994			
(1) Section 4(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Patents and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Only in respect of the appointment of the Registrar of Patents
(2) Section 4(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Patents and other officers	Chief Executive, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Only in respect of the appointment of Deputy Registrars of Patents and Assistant Registrars of Patents
11. Pawnbrokers Act 2015			
(1) Section 5(1) and (2)	Appointment of Registrar of Pawnbrokers, etc.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 43(1)(a), (b) and (c)	Waiver certificate	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(3) Section 43(1)(a)	Grant of waiver certificate	Registrar of Pawnbrokers	Nil
(4) Section 43(1)(c)	Extension of waiver certificate	Registrar of Pawnbrokers	Nil
(5) Section 43(2)	Fee to recover costs	(a) Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law (b) Registrar of Pawnbrokers	Nil

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(6) Section 44	Revocation, etc., of waiver certificate	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
12. Plant Varieties Protection Act 2004			
(1) Section 5(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Plant Varieties and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Only in respect of the appointment of the Registrar of Plant Varieties
(2) Section 5(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Plant Varieties and other officers	Chief Executive, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Only in respect of the appointment of Deputy Registrars of Plant Varieties and Assistant Registrars of Plant Varieties
13. Precious Stones and Precious Metals (Prevention of Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing and Proliferation Financing) Act 2019			
(1) Section 4(1)	Appointment of Registrar of Regulated Dealers, etc.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
14. Public Trustee Act 1915			
(1) Section 3(1), (2), (3) and (6)	Appointment of Public Trustee	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
15. Registered Designs Act 2000			
(1) Section 49(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Designs and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Only in respect of the appointment of the Registrar of Designs
(2) Section 49(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Designs and other officers	Chief Executive, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Only in respect of the appointment of Deputy Registrars of Designs and Assistant Registrars of Designs
16. Registration of Deeds Act 1988			
(1) Section 3(1)	Appointment of Registrar of Deeds and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Only in respect of the appointment of the Registrar of Deeds
(2) Section 3(1)	Appointment of Registrar of Deeds and other officers	Chief Executive, Singapore Land Authority	Only in respect of the appointment of Deputy Registrars and Assistant

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(3) Section 3(3)	Creation of different grades for Deputy Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Deeds	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Registrars of Deeds Nil
17. Residential Property Act 1976			
(1) Section 3(12)	Approval of extension of time for sale of estate or interest in residential property, to which foreign person is beneficially entitled	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 3A(1)	Allowing of longer period within which former Singapore citizen or permanent resident must dispose of his or her interest in residential property	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(3) Section 22(2), (2A) and (3)	Extension of period, imposition of conditions and issuance of notice to Controller to attach and sell mortgagee's estate or interest	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(4) Section 25(1), (4), (5), (6) and (7A)	Appointment of Residential Property Advisory Committee and grant of approvals, with or without conditions, etc.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(5) Section 25A(1) and (2)	Direction to Controller to lodge caveat, etc.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(6) Section 26(3) and (4)	Approval of application by Singapore entity with residential properties to become converted entity and to retain its residential properties, etc.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(7) Section 28(2)	Approval to change existing use of land to use for purpose other than industrial or	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil

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(8) Section 28A(3)	commercial, by foreign owner or purchaser Approval for residential property development on land deemed non-residential	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(9) Section 29(1)	Appointment of Controller of Residential Property	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(10) Section 29(2)	Appointment of Deputy Controllers and Assistant Controllers of Residential Property	Chief Executive, Singapore Land Authority	Nil
(11) Section 30(1)	Approval of purchase or acquisition of residential property (which is not non-restricted residential property) for diplomatic, consular, etc., purposes or for use by religious group in Singapore	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(12) Section 31(3)	Approval for housing developer to purchase or acquire estate or interest in residential property subject to such terms and conditions as deemed fit	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
18. State Lands Act 1920			
(1) Section 6(1)	Appointment of Commissioner of Lands	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Nil
(2) Section 6(2)	Appointment of Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners of Lands	Chief Executive, Singapore Land Authority	Nil
19. Trade Marks Act 1998			
(1) Section 62(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Trade Marks and other officers	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Law	Only in respect of the appointment of the Registrar of Trade Marks
(2) Section 62(4)	Appointment of Registrar of Trade Marks and other officers	Chief Executive, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Only in respect of the appointment of Deputy Registrars

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			of Trade Marks and Assistant Registrars of Trade Marks

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