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**FIRE SAFETY ACT
(CHAPTER 109A)**

**FIRE SAFETY
(COMPANY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM)
REGULATIONS 2013**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61 of the Fire Safety Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Safety (Company Emergency Response Team) Regulations 2013 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2013.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“CERT” means a Company Emergency Response Team required to be established under section 22 of the Act;

“Emergency Response Plan” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Fire Safety (Emergency Response Plan) Regulations (Rg 4);

“owner” and “occupier” have the same meanings, respectively, as in section 22AA of the Act;

“SCDF” means the Singapore Civil Defence Force raised and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Defence Act (Cap. 42);

“specified premises” means any premises or class of premises which are specified in the Fire Safety (Premises Requiring Fire Safety Manager and Company Emergency Response Team) Notification 2013 (G.N. No. S 537/2013).

Duties of owner or occupier of specified premises

3.—(1) The owner or occupier of specified premises shall —

- (a) establish a CERT for the premises comprising such number of members as the Commissioner may specify under section 22 (3A) of the Act —
 - (i) on or before 1st March 2014, in the case of premises which, on 31st August 2013, are premises specified in the cancelled Fire Safety (Specification of Premises Requiring Fire Safety Managers) Notification (N 1) and which continue thereafter until 1st March 2014 to be premises specified in the Fire Safety (Premises Requiring Fire Safety Manager and Company Emergency Response Team) Notification 2013; or
 - (ii) in any other case, within 6 months after such date as is on or after 1st September 2013 that the premises become specified premises;
- (b) provide the CERT with appropriate equipment to handle any fire incident, gas explosion or leakage, or other similar emergency involving petroleum and flammable materials stored or used in the premises;
- (c) not deploy any person as a member of the CERT unless the person has undergone such training as the Commissioner may specify;

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- (d) ensure that the CERT and the members thereof undergo such training and periodic assessments as the Commissioner may specify; and
 - (e) if the CERT fails any periodic assessment referred to in sub-paragraph (d), take reasonable steps to ensure that the CERT passes such periodic assessment within such period as the Commissioner may require.

(2) Any owner or occupier of specified premises who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

Functions and duties of CERT

4. The functions and duties of a CERT for specified premises shall be to —

- (a) assist the owner or occupier of the premises to carry out their duties in relation to the Emergency Response Plan under section 21 of the Act;
- (b) undergo such training and pass such training or periodic assessments as the Commissioner may specify;
- (c) train the occupants of the premises for emergency preparedness;
- (d) conduct initial fire-fighting and rescue operations in the event of fire or other related emergencies at the premises until the arrival of the SCDF fire-fighting crew;
- (e) hand over the fire-fighting operations to the SCDF fire-fighting crew upon their arrival at the premises;
- (f) assist the SCDF fire-fighting crew in the conduct of fire-fighting and rescue operations, if required;
- (g) provide any other assistance as may be required by the SCDF to mitigate the fire or other related emergency; and
- (h) carry out such duties and provide such information relating to emergency planning for the premises as the Commissioner may require.

Application

5. For the avoidance of doubt, these Regulations shall not apply to any Company Emergency Response Team required to be established by the Fire Safety (Petroleum and Flammable Materials) Regulations (Rg 7).

Made this 23rd day of August 2013.

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