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No. 2078 — CURRENCY ACT (CHAPTER 69)

PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 20 (1)

It is hereby notified for general information that, for the purposes of section 20 (1) of the Currency Act and subject to paragraph 2, the Monetary Authority of Singapore, with effect from 11th August 2006, grants permission to any person to do any of the following, subject to that person complying with the conditions specified in the Schedule:

- (a) to use any photograph of or any drawing or design resembling any currency note or coin or part thereof in any advertisement;
 - (b) to import, manufacture, sell, circulate or otherwise distribute any specified merchandise or product containing any photograph of or any drawing or design resembling any currency note or coin or part thereof.
2. The permission of the Authority referred to in paragraph 1 shall not apply to —
 - (a) any person who is contravening or has contravened section 20 (1) of the Act; or
 - (b) any other person whom the Authority has notified in writing.
3. In this Notification, unless the context otherwise requires —

“currency note or coin” means any currency note or coin issued —

 - (a) before 1st October 2002, by the Board of Commissioners of Currency, Singapore; or
 - (b) on or after 1st October 2002, by the Authority;

“reproduction” means any photograph of or any drawing or design resembling any currency note or coin;

“specified merchandise or product” means —

 - (a) any machine that is designed to receive currency notes or coins for its operation and on which the reproduction of currency notes or coins is used solely to illustrate the kind of currency that is accepted by the machine and how the currency note or coin is to be inserted; or
 - (b) any publication in which the reproduction of currency notes or coins is used for educational purposes, or in connection with any news or factual article or report, not being an advertisement for any merchandise product, or service;

“use” means use in any advertisement or use on or in any merchandise or product.

4. For the avoidance of doubt —
- (a) any person referred to in paragraph 2 who wishes to carry out any of the acts referred to in section 20 (1) of the Act; or
 - (b) any person who wishes to carry out the acts referred to in paragraph 1 other than in accordance with the conditions specified in the Schedule,
- shall seek the prior permission of the Authority under section 20 (1) of the Act.
5. *Gazette* Notification No. 2705 of 29th September 2000 is cancelled, with effect from 11th August 2006.

THE SCHEDULE

CONDITIONS OF GRANT OF PERMISSION

1. The use of the reproduction of any currency note or coin —
- (a) shall maintain, and not detract from, the dignity, integrity and image of the currency note or coin; and
 - (b) shall not have any risk of confusion with genuine currency note or coin.
2. The reproduction of any currency note or coin —
- (a) shall not distort images of the President or any national symbol;
 - (b) shall not show the currency note or coin in a manner that is offensive or against public interest; and
 - (c) shall be on a material which can unambiguously and easily be distinguished from coins, paper notes or polymer notes.
3. The reproduction of any currency note —
- (a) shall, unless the reproduction is in an electronic form —
 - (i) be at least 150% of both the length and width of the genuine currency note when the reproduction is enlarged; or
 - (ii) be not more than 60% of both the length and width of the genuine currency note when the reproduction is reduced in size;
 - (b) shall, when the reproduction is enlarged, reduced in size or to be viewed at an angle, be depicted proportionally;
 - (c) may be depicted at various angles, except that, where the whole currency note is depicted flat to camera, the reproduction shall contain the word “SPECIMEN” in black and bold lettering diagonally across the reproduction and which shall not cover any part of the portrait; and
 - (d) shall not be by way of duplex printing (that is, nothing shall appear on the reverse of the reproduction that may give the impression that it is a genuine currency note).