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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT
(CHAPTER 218)

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
(CORRUPT PRACTICES —
EXEMPT CIRCUMSTANCES AND ACTIVITIES)
ORDER 2011

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

Paragraph

1. Citation and commencement
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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 61(6)(e) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, the Prime Minister hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Elections (Corrupt Practices — Exempt Circumstances and Activities) Order 2011 and shall come into operation on 14th March 2011.

Activities and circumstances exempt from “published-by” requirements

2. Section 61(1)(c)(ii) of the Act shall not apply to the publication on the Internet of any election advertising by any individual (other than a candidate or an election agent) —

- (a) who is a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) who does so at no other person’s direction and on no other person’s behalf; and

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- (c) who does not receive or agree to receive, and who does not contract for, any money, gift, loan, property, valuable consideration, office, place or employment, for himself or for any other person, for or in connection with his publishing that election advertising on the Internet.

Publication on Internet

3. In this Order, the publication of election advertising on the Internet means any of the following:

- (a) including the election advertising, or something that contains it, on one or more websites;
- (b) providing an electronic cross-reference (commonly known as a hypertext link) on a webpage of any website that refers or links to, or otherwise brings the user to, another webpage or online content;
- (c) communicating the election advertising through a chat room or discussion forum;
- (d) making the election advertising available on an online video sharing or hosting website or an online photograph sharing or hosting website;
- (e) sending the election advertising by electronic mail;
- (f) sending the election advertising in a micro-blog post or an SMS message or MMS message;
- (g) making available —
 - (i) a program of speech, music or other sound over the Internet as a digital audio file; or
 - (ii) a program of images (whether or not accompanied by any sound) over the Internet as a digital video file;
- (h) making election advertising available through an electronic media application;
- (i) making election advertising available by or through a web log or social networking service,

and “micro-blog post”, “SMS message”, “MMS message”, “electronic media application” and “social networking service” shall have the same respective meanings as in the Parliamentary Elections (Election Advertising) Regulations (Cap. 218, Rg 3).

Made this 14th day of March 2011.

CHIANG CHIE FOO
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Prime Minister's Office,
Singapore.*

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