NEW REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE AMENDED MAINTENANCE OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY ACT

Amendments to the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act (MRHA) were introduced to strengthen our ability to safeguard against and respond more effectively to threats to our religious harmony.

Local religious groups will be required to adhere to the new requirements.

“Religious group” (RG) refers to any group whose purpose is the promotion of any religion, religious worship or the practice, conduct, teaching or propagating of any religious belief. This includes any company incorporated under the Companies Act, any society registered under the Societies Act or any body of persons.

What are the new requirements?

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When are the key dates?

Commencement of the amendments to MRHA. RGs to start tracking of donations and foreign affiliations.

1 Nov 2022

Last day to submit Key Leadership details.

30 Dec 2022

Effective Day

RGs to comply with the leadership requirements. Date will be announced by MHA.

1 Apr 2024

RGs to submit first annual declaration for donations and foreign affiliations to RFPD.

How to make disclosures?

\(^\text{\textsuperscript{\textregistered}}\) Registry of Foreign and Political Disclosures (RFPD)

The Registry of Foreign and Political Disclosures is the appointed Competent Authority responsible for the administration of relevant requirements under the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act (MRHA).

For more details on the amended MRHA:

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