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AIRPORT EMERGENCY SERVICE

FIRE SAFETY CIRCULAR

To All Airport Staff and Tenants

UNATTENDED HEATING/COOKING OF FOOD USING MICROWAVE OVEN OR TOASTER

The Airport Emergency Service (AES) had attended to several burning smell incidents and false alarm activations that arose due to the overheating/burning of food using microwave oven or toaster. Food left unattended whilst being heated up in microwave or toaster may lead to overheating/burning of the food (or food container itself), trigger the fire alarm system or even cause a fire outbreak. AES resources are also unnecessarily called in to attend to such instances.

2 FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON USING THE MICROWAVE OVEN OR TOASTER

- i. **Do not leave combustible or flammable materials** next to or on top of oven or toaster;
- ii. **Do not leave heating/cooking activities unattended;**
- iii. **Do not set oven for extended cooking times.** Run the microwave for a short time for several cycles to reach the desired temperature. Several short periods are preferable to one long period. Open the oven periodically and check the contents and container integrity.
- iv. **Use only microwave safe utensils.** Heat food only in containers or dishes that are safe for microwave use. Use of non-approved plastic containers or dishes is not recommended as it may melt or burn due to high temperatures in the oven.
- v. **Do not use metallic material in the microwave.** The metal can create sparks or damage the microwave leading to a fire.
- vi. If materials inside the oven should ignite, keep oven door closed, turn oven off at the wall switch, or shut off power at the fuse or circuit breaker panel;
- vii. Contact Airport Emergency Service (AES) immediately at **65412525** should a fire occur;
- viii. Attempt to put out the fire using the nearest dry powder extinguisher without causing harm to yourselves.

3 AES will not hesitate to issue a stern warning and/or a service charge of SGD350.00 per hour or part thereof for any fire vehicle turnout due to burning smell incidents and false alarm activations caused by negligence or ignorance of airport fire safety requirements. For further clarifications, you may contact the Airport Emergency Service Fire Safety Unit (AES FSU) at 65412535 or at fire.safety@changiairport.com.

4 This Fire Safety Circular supersedes Fire Safety Circular 23/2012.

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