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AIRPORT EMERGENCY SERVICE

FIRE SAFETY CIRCULAR

To All Airport Staff and Organizations

PROPER DISPOSAL OF CIGARETTE BUTTS AND SMOKING AT DESIGNATED ONLY

Recently, the Airport Emergency Service (AES) attended to several fires involving combustibles in waste containers at Changi Airport. Investigation derived that dropped light – lighted cigarette butt was the probable caused of the fires. Such fire if not mitigated promptly can caused further property damage and disruption to airport operations

2 In order to prevent a recurrence of such similar fire, AES would like to urge the following precautionary measures be taken:

(i) Proper Disposal of Cigarette Butts or Flammable Substances

Due to the presence of combustibles, lighted cigarette butts can trigger rapid ignition and propagation of fire. Cigarette butts shall be fully extinguished before disposal. Building owners / tenants should educate their cleaning contractors to ensure that there are no burning embers when transferring refuse to the main collection area. Cleaning contractors are also reminded that disposal of flammable substances into refuse collection points is strictly prohibited

(ii) Frequent Clearance of Accumulated Combustibles at Refuse Collection Areas

Combustibles at the refuse collection areas shall be removed on a frequent basis, preferably twice a day to prevent a large accumulation of combustibles to minimise the fire load in the refuse collection areas.

(iii) Dousing of waste from smoking areas

It is recommended that waste collected from bins at permitted smoking areas be doused with water before disposal.

(iv) Smoking only at designated smoking areas

Smoking is only permitted only at designated smoking areas. Smoking at non designated area may result in false sense of fire (burning smell) leading to the unnecessary turn-out of AES. CAG reserves the right to impose a service charge for the unnecessary turn-out of AES fire vehicle due to such negligence.

3 Please help disseminate this information to relevant parties and we seek your cooperation in upholding the high fire safety standards at Changi Airport. For further clarifications, you may contact the Airport Emergency Service Fire Safety Unit (AES FSU) at 65412535 or at fire.safety@changiairport.com.

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