

Major Changes to the Committee Stage Amendments to the Electronic Transactions Bill

1. Clause 1(2)

To further amend the commencement clause to make clear those provision which shall come into operation when the Electronic Transactions Bill is enacted and gazetted and those provisions which shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting.

2. Clause 15

To replace "rule of law" by "Ordinance" to reflect the legislative intent and to make other drafting changes.

3. Clause 19(3)

To allow flexibility for the Director of Information Technology Services (the Director) to specify the particulars and documents to be furnished in the application for recognition as a recognised certification authority.

4. Clause 21(1A)

To allow flexibility for the Director to specify the particulars and documents to be furnished in the application for recognition of certificates.

5. Clause 26(1B) and (2)

To provide that an application for renewal of recognition as a recognised certification authority must be sent to the Director by electronic record, by hand or through leaving it at the Director's office during ordinary business hours; and to allow flexibility for the Director to specify the particulars and documents to be furnished in the application for renewal of recognition as a recognised

certification authority.

6. Clause 27

To provide that an appeal notice under Clause 27 has to be sent to the Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting (the Secretary) by electronic record, by hand or through leaving it at the office of the Secretary at ordinary business hours; and to stipulate that the Secretary must give the appellant notice of the decision on appeal by electronic record, by post or through publication in the certification authority disclosure record.

7. Clause 37

To amend the provision and make clear the arrangements for the preparation of assessment report.

8. Clause 44

To allow the Secretary to make regulations on the manner of applying to the Director for recognition or renewal of certificates and to make a consequential amendment arising from items (3) - (5).