

Media Release

Minister for Law Instructs POFMA Office to Issue Correction Directions

Singapore - 13 May 2020: The Minister for Law has instructed POFMA Office to issue Correction Directions¹ to New Naratif and Mr Thum Ping Tjin.

2. This is with regard to a video titled, “The Show with PJ Thum - Ep 8 - How bad laws are created and abused in Singapore (A POFMA case study)”, which was posted on New Naratif’s YouTube page, Facebook page and webpage, and Mr Thum’s Facebook page. Among other inaccurate claims, the video contained false statements about the scope of POFMA, when and how it can be used, and the role of the courts.

3. For facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article, “Corrections and clarifications regarding falsehoods and misleading statements by Mr Thum Ping Tjin” (www.gov.sg/article/factually-corrections-on-falsehoods-about-pofma-by-thum-ping-tjin).

About the POFMA Office

The POFMA Office, situated within the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), is responsible for the administration of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act (POFMA). For more information about POFMA Office, visit www.pofmaoffice.gov.sg.

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¹ A **Correction Direction** is a Direction issued to a person who has communicated a falsehood (i.e. the recipient) that affects the public interest. It requires the recipient to publish a correction notice, providing access to the correct facts. The Direction does not require the recipient to take down their post or make edits to their content, and does not impose criminal sanctions.