

PRESS RELEASE

Correction Directions under the Protection From Online Falsehoods And Manipulation Act 2019 to Address Falsehood on Voting Secrecy

The Minister-in-charge of the Public Service, Chan Chun Sing has instructed the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act (POFMA) Office to issue a Correction Direction to TikTok user “dr.ishhaq.jay” and a Targeted Correction Direction¹ to TikTok Pte. Ltd. in relation to a TikTok post by user “dr.ishhaq.jay” on 17 July 2023 (“**the TikTok Post**”). In the TikTok Post, he falsely claimed that the Government can trace who a voter has voted for in order to penalise the voter based on his or her vote.

2 The user “dr.ishhaq.jay” will be required to create a new TikTok post containing a correction notice which states that the TikTok Post contains a false statement of fact, and provides a link to the Government’s clarification. TikTok Pte. Ltd. will also be required to communicate a correction notice to all end-users in Singapore that had accessed the TikTok Post.

3 For facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article “Corrections regarding falsehood in TikTok video by “dr.ishhaq.jay” posted on 17 July 2023” at <https://www.gov.sg/article/factually180823>.

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¹ A Targeted Correction Direction is a direction issued to an Internet Intermediary (“II”) whose service was used to communicate a falsehood. The direction requires the II to communicate a correction notice by means of its service to all users in Singapore who access the falsehood through its service. This is so that users who see the falsehood on a platform also see the correction notice on that platform.