

OPERATORS OF THE ONLINE CITIZEN (TOC)'S ONLINE PLATFORMS PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING FINANCIAL BENEFIT

*Restrictions on TOC's website and social media pages due to
pattern of behaviour in spreading multiple online falsehoods*

Singapore, 11 June 2025 – The Minister for Digital Development and Information has declared The Online Citizen's (TOC) website and social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and X as "Declared Online Locations" (DOL(s)) under Section 32 of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act 2019 (POFMA).

2. This is the second time that TOC's website, Facebook and X pages have been designated as DOLs for repeatedly communicating falsehoods. These platforms were first declared as DOLs in July 2023, for a period of two years. During this period, each of these platforms have had to carry a notice to alert viewers that it has been declared as a DOL, that it had communicated multiple falsehoods, and that viewers should exercise caution when accessing it for information. The owner or operator of TOC's online platforms has also been restricted from receiving financial or other material benefits from operating the DOLs.

3. Despite the current Declaration, TOC has continued to communicate falsehoods through its online platforms over the past two years. TOC has received a total of eight POFMA Correction Directions between July 2023 and June 2025, for communicating falsehoods about topics such as the death penalty, and financial and social assistance for Singaporeans in need.

4. A new Declaration is therefore necessary to ensure Singaporeans continue to be alerted to TOC's record of communicating falsehoods. Based on the statutory requirements for declaring DOLs, the new Declaration is made based on the most recent POFMA Correction Directions issued to TOC within the past six months (see [Annex A](#) for details).

5. The new Declaration will come into effect on 22 July 2025, after the existing Declaration expires, and will remain in force for two years until 21 July 2027 at 12.00 pm (GMT+8).

6. The conditions of the new Declaration remain the same as the current Declaration. Just as before, the new Declaration does not require TOC's online platforms to cease operations. In addition, service providers such as digital advertising agencies, and digital

advertising intermediaries must take reasonable steps to ensure that paid content that they include or cause to be included on TOC's online platforms are not communicated in Singapore. Individuals and companies must also not provide financial support to TOC's DOLs to avoid promoting the communication of falsehoods in Singapore on these platforms.

7. The owner or operator of TOC's online platforms can apply to the Minister for Digital Development and Information to suspend, vary or cancel the Declaration. If the Minister refuses the application, an appeal can be made to the High Court.

8. Members of the public are advised to be aware of TOC's history of communicating falsehoods on its online platforms, and to fact-check information published on these online locations. Refer to [Annex B](#) for a list of other Declarations currently in effect.

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Annex A

RECENT POFMA CORRECTION DIRECTIONS ISSUED TO THE ONLINE CITIZEN

No.	Date issued	Falsehoods communicated on one or more of TOC's online platforms
1.	23 Dec 2024	<p>1) There are no publicly available government records of Good Class Bungalow (GCB) sale transactions if caveats are not lodged.</p> <p>2) The identity of the ultimate beneficial owner need not be disclosed to the government, and the government is therefore not aware of the ultimate beneficial owner's identity, in GCB property transactions bought using a trust arrangement.</p> <p>3) GCB property transactions can be carried out without any checks by the government on the identities of the ultimate beneficial owners.</p> <p>4) For GCB property transactions there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. no publicly available government record of the GCB transaction if no caveat is lodged; and ii. no requirement to disclose to the government the identity of the ultimate beneficial owner in a trust arrangement; and this allows parties (including Ministers) to transact such properties away from public scrutiny or government oversight. <p>Press Release: pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media-releases/pofma_pr_mlaw_23Dec2024.pdf </p>
2.	25 Feb 2025	<p>1) The Singapore Land Authority ("SLA") has given Minister Shanmugam assurances of an extension to the lease of 26 Ridout Road beyond its expiry in 2027.</p> <p>2) The Urban Redevelopment Authority ("URA") and the Building and Construction Authority ("BCA") did not ensure that all their</p>



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		<p>requisite approvals were obtained for the works carried out at 26 Ridout Road.</p> <p>3) Public funds have been used to pay for the earthworks at 26 Ridout Road carried out since 2024.</p> <p>Press Release: pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media-releases/pofma_pr_mlaw_25Feb2025.pdf</p>

Annex B

LIST OF DECLARATIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT

Declared Online Locations	Effective date of Declaration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transformative Justice Collective's (TJC) website TJC's Facebook page TJC's Instagram page TJC's TikTok page TJC's X account page 	Effective from 21 December 2024 to 20 December 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gutzy Asia's (Gutzy) website Gutzy's Facebook page Gutzy's X account page 	Effective from 12 June 2024 to 11 June 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Kenneth Jeyaretnam's (Mr Jeyaretnam) website Mr Jeyaretnam's Facebook page Mr Jeyaretnam's Instagram page Mr Jeyaretnam's LinkedIn page Mr Jeyaretnam's X account page 	Effective from 12 December 2023 to 11 December 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Online Citizen Asia's (TOCA) website TOCA's Facebook page TOCA's LinkedIn page TOCA's Twitter account page 	Effective from 22 July 2023 to 21 July 2025