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## **CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES**

### **Who Should Know**

Professional Bodies, Statutory Boards, Developers

### **Effective Date**

10 June 2016

## **REPEAL OF SECTION 3 OF THE FORESHORES ACT**

1. Section 3 of the Foreshores Act which provides for the requirement to obtain URA's approval for any proposed development works within 15 metres of the foreshore, has been repealed. This is a result of our regular review of our processes and guidelines.

### **Rationale**

2. The objective of Section 3 of the Foreshores Act was to enable URA to regulate development works along the foreshores as well as to ensure the structural stability and integrity of existing shoreline and waterfront structures.
3. Currently, any person who intends to carry out any development work is required to submit a development proposal to URA to obtain written permission under the Planning Act. In addition, for development works of any sea or river wall, revetment along the bank of any port, river or channel, and any permanent building or structure within 15 metres of the foreshore or the bank of any port, river or channel, he is also required to submit detailed plans at the Building Plan stage to URA for approval, under Section 3 of the Foreshores Act.
4. As URA's Planning Act and BCA's Building Control Act already provide the necessary regulatory framework to control and regulate the development and building works along the foreshore respectively, there is no need for Section 3 of the Foreshores Act to duplicate such requirements.
5. Hence, the Government has decided to repeal Section 3 of the Foreshores Act to avoid duplication of regulatory framework between the Foreshores Act, the Planning Act and the Building Control Act.
6. The repeal will simplify and speed up the regulatory approval processes for industry players carrying out development works.

## **Implementation**

7. With the repeal taking effect from 10 June 2016, there will no longer be a need to submit detailed plans for the development works within 15 metres of the foreshore to URA at Building Plan stage for approval once written permission has been obtained. In addition, with effect from the same date, there is no need to obtain URA's clearance for a Certificate of Statutory Completion for plans approved previously under Section 3 of the Foreshores Act.
  
8. I would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to the relevant members of your organisation. If you or your members have any queries concerning this circular, please call our Development Control Group (DCG) Enquiry Line at Tel: 6223 4811 or email us. For your information, past circulars and guidelines are available at our website <http://www.ura.gov.sg>.

Thank you.

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