

Media Release

Minister for Home Affairs Instructs POFMA Office to Issue Correction Direction

Singapore – 28 November 2019: The Minister for Home Affairs has instructed the POFMA Office to issue a Correction Direction¹ to Mr Alex Tan, with regard to the post published on the “States Times Review” Facebook page on 23 November 2019, 8.05am. Mr Alex Tan runs the “States Times Review” Facebook page. The Correction Direction requires Mr Tan to carry in full, the correction notice at the top of his Facebook post.

2. For correct facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article “Corrections on Falsehoods posted by States Times Review” (www.gov.sg/factually/content/corrections-on-falsehoods-posted-by-states-times-review).

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.