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MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE CONDUCT OF SCREENING FOR HIGH TEMPERATURES AND OTHER SYMPTOMS AT ENTRANCES TO PREMISES

1. Security Association Singapore (“**SAS**”) is aware of a video published on 4 May 2021 depicting a person getting through temperature screening at retail locations despite having a high temperature.
2. SAS stresses that the video is not representative of the situation at the majority of locations where temperature screening at entrances is in effect, and security officer screening temperatures are vigilant in the performance of their duties.
3. While noting that the video appears to have been taken some months ago, the video does highlight procedural gaps and lapses that may occur. To address this, the SAS Committee of Practice has issued a Provisional Practice Circular today, 6 May 2021, for all security agencies to adopt. Please see the **Annex** for the Provisional Practice Circular.
4. The screening of persons seeking entry to premises, especially in the context of the Covid-19 Pandemic, should be taken seriously. Therefore, temperature screening at entrances should be carried out by properly trained and licensed security officers. In this regard, SAS highlights that the Private Security Industry Act (“**PSIA**”) provides that a licensed security officer must be deployed if “in respect of any public place or other premises”, “part of his regular duties” includes “performing any function of screening individuals seeking entry thereto” (Section 13(d), PSIA).
5. Ultimately, however, the effectiveness of Safe Management Measures, including temperature screening, is the shared responsibility of everyone in Singapore, not just the staff deployed at screening locations. Persons who are running a temperature should remain at home instead of visiting public places, and should not try to evade temperature taking or intentionally thwart the system.
6. SAS continues to commend and support our security officers on the ground, who are playing a critical role as frontliners in the fight against COVID-19.
7. The above may be attributed to Mr Ikhsan Suri, Executive Director, SAS.

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