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EA Alert (15/2018): Advisory to EAs on Insensitive Advertisements

Dear Key Appointment Holder and EA Personnel,

This advisory is applicable to employment agencies (EAs) which seek to place foreign domestic workers (FDWs) in employment.

2 We refer to the recent media articles about cases of FDWs being ‘sold’ on Carousell, an online marketplace. MOM considers such practices of advertising FDWs like commodities to be unacceptable and is investigating these cases and the EA involved. The listings have also been taken down.

3 EAs are reminded that advertisements that are insensitive and cast FDWs in an undignified light are prohibited and EAs should cease the practice. All such postings are to be immediately removed. We will take action against EAs which persist in such undesirable practices, including licence suspension or revocation. Our earlier advisories are attached for your reference, and more information is available at the MOM website.

4 Please contact us at Tel: 6438 5122 or email us at MOM_FMMD@mom.gov.sg if you require any clarification.

5 Thank you

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