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EXEMPTION ORDER FOR BATTERY-OPERATED GO-KARTS UNDER THE AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY ACT

Singapore, 5 January 2026 - The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has issued an Exemption Order (EO) for battery-operated go-karts under the Amusement Rides Safety Act 2011 (ARSA), effective 2 January 2026. This move stems from a periodical review of existing regulations, ensuring public safety while adapting to the evolving needs of the amusement ride industry.

2 Under the ARSA, all amusement rides¹ – including go-karts of any speed or power – require permits for installation, modification and operation. This regulatory framework has been fundamental in safeguarding public safety at theme parks and carnivals in Singapore.

Exemption Order for Battery-Operated Go-Karts

3 With effect from 2 January 2026, go-karts are exempted from requiring permits under ARSA if they meet the following three (3) criteria:

- a. **Battery-operated go-karts:** Powered solely by batteries, rather than petrol or other fuel sources
- b. **Speed limitation:** Has a speed limiting device installed that prevents its operating speed from exceeding 6 kilometres per hour (6km/h);
- c. **Safety coverage:** Has all mechanical parts (other than the steering wheel, brake pedal and acceleration pedal) and the top part of the tyres covered by its chassis, to prevent the risk of a limb, hair, or apparel of a person sitting in or driving the go-kart getting caught.

¹ More information on classification of amusement rides and permits for such rides is [here](#).

Benefits and Impact

4 This regulatory change will benefit businesses operating low-risk rides, enabling them to respond more quickly to market demands while maintaining safety standards.

5 BCA will continue to work with all stakeholders, from ride owners and qualified persons (QPs) to ride managers, to comply with safety standards.

6 For clarification on the Exemption Order for battery operated go-karts, please contact BCA at the following link (<https://www2.bca.gov.sg/feedback/>).



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