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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 3 February 2020 and assented to by the President on 20 February 2020:—

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No. 5 of 2020.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
20 February 2020.

An Act to amend the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (Act 19 of 2014).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Geographical Indications (Amendment) Act 2020 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “use”, the following definition:

““variant”, in relation to a geographical indication, means a variant of the indication constituting the geographical indication, and includes any translation, transliteration or other variation of the indication;”;

(b) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) There may be 2 or more variants constituting the same geographical indication.

“(3) A geographical indication, and each variant constituting the geographical indication (if any), may contain 2 or more words.”.

Amendment of section 39

3. Section 39 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) If a person desires to register any variant constituting a geographical indication and the geographical indication is the subject of an application for registration, the person may include that variant either in that application, or in a different application for registration.”.

Amendment of section 41

4. Section 41 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (7), the following subsection:

“(7A) To avoid doubt —

- (a) a reference to a geographical indication in this section includes a variant constituting a geographical indication; and
- (b) a refusal of registration under this section of any variant constituting a geographical indication does not prevent the registration of any other variant constituting the geographical indication, if that other variant satisfies the requirements of this Act.”.

Amendment of section 46

5. Section 46 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Any person may” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (3A), any person may”;
- (b) by deleting the words “under section 45” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “of a geographical indication under section 45 but before the registration of the geographical indication under section 48”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “request that a qualification, of” in subsection (1), the words “any of”; and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(3A) A request under subsection (1) may not be made if the request —

- (a) is for a qualification of all the rights conferred under this Act in respect of a registered geographical indication to be entered in the register —