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**TRADE MARKS ACT
(CHAPTER 332)**

**TRADE MARKS (INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 54 and 108 of the Trade Marks Act, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Trade Marks (International Registration) (Amendment) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 31 January 2017.

Amendment of rule 13

2. Rule 13 of the Trade Marks (International Registration) Rules (R 3) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

- (a) by deleting “(8)” in paragraphs (4) and (5) and substituting in each case “(7)”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (6), the following paragraph:

“(7) Despite paragraphs (4) and (5), rule 29(3) to (8) of the Trade Marks Rules as in force immediately before 31 January 2017 continues to apply, with the necessary modifications, to any notice of opposition to be filed in relation to an international registration designating Singapore the particulars of which were published in the Trade Marks Journal before that date.”.

Amendment of rule 14**3. Rule 14 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) an address for service in Singapore in the same Form HC6, unless an address for service has previously been filed.”;

- (b) by deleting paragraph (4) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(4) A request for an extension of time to file the counter-statement —

- (a) must be made to the Registrar in Form HC3 within 4 months after the date of the Registrar’s notification of refusal based on opposition to the International Bureau; and

- (b) must state —

(i) the reason for the extension; and

(ii) the name and address of every person likely to be affected by the extension.

(4A) The holder must, at the time the request mentioned in paragraph (4) is filed with the Registrar, serve on the opponent, and on each person likely to be affected by an extension of time to file the counter-statement, a copy of that request.”; and

- (c) by deleting paragraphs (6) to (9) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(6) The Registrar may refuse to grant an extension of time to file the counter-statement if the holder —

- (a) fails to show a good and sufficient reason for the extension; or

(b) fails to show to the Registrar's satisfaction that the request mentioned in paragraph (4) has been served on the opponent and on each person likely to be affected by the extension.

(7) Upon granting an extension of time to file the counter-statement, the Registrar must send a notification of the extension to the opponent and each person mentioned in paragraph (4)(b)(ii).

(8) The opponent or any person likely to be affected by an extension of time to file the counter-statement may, not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the Registrar's notification of the extension, apply in writing to the Registrar for the revocation of the extension on the ground that the request mentioned in paragraph (4) had not been served on the opponent or on that person (as the case may be).".

Amendment of rule 15

4. Rule 15 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting "32" in paragraphs (1) and (2) and substituting in each case "31A"; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraphs:

“(3) Despite paragraphs (1) and (2) —

- (a) rules 31A to 34 of the Trade Marks Rules do not apply to any evidence to be adduced in any further proceedings mentioned in paragraph (1) where a counter-statement is filed before 31 January 2017 under rule 14; and
- (b) rules 32, 33 and 34 of the Trade Marks Rules as in force immediately before that date continue to apply, with the necessary modifications, to any such evidence.