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**TRADE MARKS ACT
(CHAPTER 332)**

**TRADE MARKS (INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2014**

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Trade Marks (International Registration) (Amendment) Rules 2014 and shall come into operation on 13 November 2014.

Amendment of rule 2

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

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

““electronic online system” means the electronic online system established under rule 78A of the Trade Marks Rules (R 1);”; and

(b) by deleting the definition of “International Bureau”.

Amendment of rule 3

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) Unless otherwise provided for in these Rules, or the Registrar permits or directs otherwise —

- (a) where a fee is specified in the First Schedule in respect of any matter, the fee shall be paid at the same time as the filing of the form corresponding to the matter; and
 - (b) if the fee is not paid, the form shall not be treated as filed.
- (3) Unless the Registrar permits or directs otherwise, payment of a fee in connection with an act referred to in rule 4A(a) shall be made using any mode of payment designated by the electronic online system if the act is carried out using that system.”.

Amendment of rule 4

4. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended —

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

“(1) The Registrar shall publish on the Office’s Internet website at <http://www.ipos.gov.sg> the forms referred to in these Rules.”;
- (b) by deleting the word “relating” in paragraph (3)(a) and substituting the words “referred to in paragraph (2) which relates”; and
- (c) by deleting paragraph (4) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(4) Any reference in these Rules to a numbered form shall be construed as a reference to the current version of the form bearing the corresponding number which is described —

 - (a) in the case of Forms MP1 and MP2, in the Second Schedule; or
 - (b) in the case of any other form, in the Second Schedule to the Trade Marks Rules.”.

New rule 4A

5. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 4, the following rule:

“Electronic online system

4A. The electronic online system may be used —

- (a) by any person for giving, sending to, filing with or serving on the Registrar or the Registry any document (other than a notice or document to be served in proceedings in court); and
- (b) by the Registrar or the Registry for giving, sending to or serving on any person any notice or other document (other than a notice or document to be served in proceedings in court).”.

Amendment of rule 11

6. Rule 11 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (2A) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2A) Where the mark to which the international registration relates contains or consists of a word or words in characters other than Roman or in a language other than English, the Registrar may require the holder to —

- (a) file with the Registrar a translation in English to the satisfaction of the Registrar and, if the case requires, a transliteration in English to the satisfaction of the Registrar, of the word or words; and
 - (b) indicate on the translation and the transliteration (if any) the language to which the word or words belong.”;
- (b) by deleting the words “on Form TM 49” in paragraph (5) and substituting the words “in Form CM5”; and
- (c) by deleting paragraphs (6) and (7) and substituting the following paragraphs: