

# **Legal Profession (International Services) (Amendment) Rules 2001**

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**No. S 358**

### **LEGAL PROFESSION ACT (CHAPTER 161)**

### **LEGAL PROFESSION (INTERNATIONAL SERVICES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2001**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 130I and 130J of the Legal Profession Act, the Minister for Law, after consulting the Attorney-General, hereby makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Legal Profession (International Services) (Amendment) Rules 2001 and shall come into operation on 27th July 2001.

#### **New rule 10A**

**2.** The Legal Profession (International Services) Rules 2000 (G.N. No. S 236/2000)

(referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 10, the following rule:

**“Application to register as representative office**

**10A.**—(1) Every application by a foreign law firm to set up a representative office in Singapore shall be in Form 7A.

(2) The Attorney-General may, in his discretion —

- (a) approve the application subject to such conditions as he may impose;  
or
- (b) reject the application on such ground as he thinks fit without giving any reason.

(3) On approval of the application referred to in paragraph (1), the Attorney-General or the Solicitor-General shall, on payment of the appropriate fee, issue a certificate of registration in Form 7B to the applicant.

(4) A certificate of registration issued under paragraph (3) shall be valid in the first instance for a period of 12 months from the date of its issue and may be renewed for a further period of 12 months upon application in Form 7A, subject to such conditions as the Attorney-General may impose.”.

**Miscellaneous amendments**

3. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after the word “Attorney-General” appearing in the following provisions, the words “or the Solicitor-General”:

Rules 2(6), 3(3), 9(6), 10(3) and 11(2).

**Amendment of First Schedule**

4. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after item 8, the following item:

“

9. Fee for certificate of registration as a representative office under rule 10A (3) or renewal thereof under rule 10A (4) for a period of 12 months or part thereof	\$500.
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”.

**Amendment of Second Schedule**

5. The Second Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after Form 7, the following Forms:

FORM 7A

Rule 10A (1)

LEGAL PROFESSION ACT  
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LEGAL PROFESSION  
(INTERNATIONAL SERVICES) RULES 2000

**APPLICATION/RENEWAL FOR  
REGISTRATION OF REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE**

(To be completed and signed by  
Senior Partner/Managing Partner/Managing Director of the Foreign Law Firm)

**1. PARTICULARS OF REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE**

- (a) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(same as parent company)
- (b) Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(c) Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ (d) Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Proposed/existing activities of representative office: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(f) Is the proposed representative office a regional office? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(If yes, please state countries covered): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(g) Staff: (All curriculum vitae to be enclosed)

Proposed/existing number of professional/  
managerial/executive staff

Proposed/existing number of secretarial  
and clerical staff

Total

*Local	Foreign

(h) Proposed/Existing Representative(s):

Name	NRIC No./Passport No.	Nationality

(i) Business Spending

Total operating expenditure of the Singapore representative office (S\$)	**Existing	Proposed expenditure	
	Year ____	Year ____	Year ____
(i) Salaries (including employer's Central Provident Fund contributions)			
(ii) Rental (office, residence, machinery and equipment, etc.)			
(iii) Others (travelling, marketing, utilities, etc.)			

\*Singapore citizen and permanent residents.

\*\*Not applicable for new registration.