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## **No. S 398**

### **GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT 2014**

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 84 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Rules are the Geographical Indications (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022 and, except for rule 27, come into operation on 26 May 2022.

(2) Rule 27 is deemed to have come into operation on 31 December 2021.

#### **Amendment of rule 2**

2. In rule 2(1) of the Geographical Indications Rules 2019 (G.N. No. S 125/2019) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), before the definition of “excluded day”, insert —

““electronic online system” means the electronic online system established under rule 86A;”.

#### **Amendment of rule 3**

3. In rule 3 of the principal Rules, after paragraph (2), insert —

“(3) Subject to paragraph (4), a fee must be paid using the mode of payment permitted or directed by the Registrar.

(4) Where the electronic online system is used to carry out an act mentioned in rule 86A, the fee payable in connection with that act must, unless otherwise permitted or directed by the Registrar, be paid using the mode of payment designated by the electronic online system.”.

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**Amendment of rule 4****4.** In rule 4 of the principal Rules —

- (a) in paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (5), replace “filed at the Registry” with “filed with the Registrar”;
- (b) in paragraph (5)(b), replace “filed with the Registry” with “filed with the Registrar”; and
- (c) after paragraph (5), insert —
  - “(6) The Registrar may require the filing of a hard copy of any document filed using the electronic online system.”.

**Amendment of rule 9****5.** In rule 9 of the principal Rules —

- (a) replace paragraph (1) with —
  - “(1) Where the Act authorises or requires any document to be given or sent to, filed with or served on the Registrar, the giving, sending, filing or service must be effected on the Registrar by sending an electronic communication of the document using the electronic online system.”;
- (b) in paragraph (2)(c), delete “or” at the end;
- (c) in paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (c), insert —
  - “(ca) by sending an electronic communication using the electronic online system; or”;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(d), after “by any”, insert “other”;
- (e) in paragraph (3), replace sub-paragraph (d) with —
  - “(d) by sending an electronic communication of the notice or other document using the electronic online system or, subject to paragraph (3B), by any other electronic means.”;

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(f) in paragraph (6), replace “paragraph (2)(d)” with “paragraph (2)(ca) or (d)”; and

(g) after paragraph (6), insert —

“(7) Service of any notice or other document under the Act on a person by electronic communication using the electronic online system may be effected only if the person is registered as an account holder in accordance with any practice directions issued by the Registrar under rule 86A(4).

(7A) A notice or other document sent, filed or served by means of an electronic communication (other than the electronic online system) is treated as sent, filed or served —

- (a) if the time and the day the electronic communication becomes capable of being retrieved by the person to whom the notice or document is sent, filed or served does not fall on an excluded day for the business of sending, filing or serving the notice or document — at that time and on that day; or
- (b) if that time falls on such excluded day — on the next following day that is not such excluded day.

(7B) A notice or other document that is —

- (a) transmitted to the Registrar or a party by means of the electronic online system; and
- (b) received, by the server of that system set up to receive such transmissions, at any time before midnight on any day,

is treated as sent to, filed with or served on, and received by, the Registrar or the party —

- (c) if that day is not an excluded day for the business of sending to, filing with or serving on the Registrar or the party the

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notice or document by means of that system — at that time and on that day; or

- (d) if that day is such excluded day — on the next following day that is not such excluded day.

(7C) For the purposes of paragraph (7B), the notice or document is treated as sent to, filed with or served on, and received by, the Registrar or the party if and only if the last byte of the transmission containing the notice or other document is received by the server mentioned in that paragraph.

(7D) Any person who sends, files or serves a notice or other document by means of the electronic online system may produce a record of transmission issued through that system as evidence of —

- (a) the sending, filing or service of that notice or document; and
- (b) the date and time when the sending, filing or service took place.”.

### **Amendment of rule 11**

6. In rule 11 of the principal Rules —

- (a) in paragraph (5)(c), replace “Form GI10” with “Form CM8”;
- (b) in paragraph (5)(f) and (g), replace “Form GI18” with “Form HC6”;
- (c) in paragraph (9)(b), replace “written consent” with “consent”; and
- (d) in paragraph (11), replace “Form GI6” with “Form CM2”.

### **Amendment of rule 12**

7. In rule 12 of the principal Rules —

- (a) in paragraphs (4)(b), (5) and (7)(a), replace “Form GI5” with “Form CM1”;

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- (b) delete paragraph (6);
  - (c) in paragraph (7)(a)(iii), replace “(set out in paragraph (10)) of the party not appointing a substitute agent or providing an address for service in accordance with rule 11” with “set out in rule 11(8) as applied by paragraph (10)”;
  - (d) replace paragraph (8) with —
    - “(8) On receipt of the form mentioned in paragraph (7)(a), the Registrar must send to the party a notice requesting the party to provide an address for service within 3 months after the date of the notice.”;
  - (e) in paragraph (10)(b), replace “2 months” with “3 months”;  
and
  - (f) in paragraph (11), replace “rule 11” with “rule 11(9)”.

#### **Amendment of rule 14**

**8.** In rule 14(2) of the principal Rules, replace “Form GI2” with “Form CM4”.

#### **Amendment of rule 17**

**9.** In rule 17(b) of the principal Rules, replace “Form GI12” with “Form CM9”.

#### **Amendment of rule 18**

- 10.** In rule 18 of the principal Rules, replace paragraph (1) with —
- “(1) An application to amend an application for registration of a geographical indication must be made —
    - (a) if it is to change the name or other particular of the applicant — in Form CM2;
    - (b) if it is to correct the name or other particular of the applicant — in Form CM4; or
    - (c) if it is for any other purpose — in Form CM4.”.

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**New rule 18A**

11. After rule 18 of the principal Rules, insert —

**“Publication of and opposition to application for correction**

**18A.**—(1) This rule applies where a person (*X*) makes an application under rule 18 on or after 26 May 2022 to correct the name or other particular of an applicant in an application for registration of a geographical indication.

(2) If the Registrar determines that the interests of any person may be affected by the proposed correction, the Registrar may publish the application and the nature of the proposed correction in the Geographical Indications Journal and in any other manner that the Registrar determines.

(3) Any person (*Y*) may, at any time within 2 months after the date of the publication, give a written notice to the Registrar of opposition to the application in Form GI13.

(4) The notice of opposition must be accompanied by a supporting statement setting out fully the facts on which *Y* relies.

(5) *Y* must, at the time the notice and the statement are filed, serve on *X* a copy of the notice and a copy of the statement.

(6) If *Y* does not comply with paragraph (5), *Y*'s notice of opposition is treated as not having been filed.

(7) If *X* desires to proceed with the application, *X* must —

(a) within 2 months after the date on which *X* is served the copies of the notice and the statement, file a counter-statement in Form HC6 setting out fully the grounds on which *X* contests the opposition; and

(b) at the time the counter-statement is filed, serve on *Y* a copy of the counter-statement.

(8) If *X* does not comply with paragraph (7), *X*'s application under rule 18 is treated as withdrawn.

(9) The Registrar may give such directions as the Registrar thinks fit with regard to any aspect of the procedure for the application or the opposition to the application.

(10) The Registrar must consider the opposition in deciding whether to grant the application.”.

### **Amendment of rule 49**

**12.** In rule 49 of the principal Rules —

(a) replace paragraph (1) with —

“(1) An application by any person under section 22 of the Act to rectify an error or omission in the register on or after 26 May 2022 must be made in Form CM4.

(1A) Rule 18A applies, with the necessary modifications, in relation to an application made on or after 26 May 2022 to rectify an error or omission as regards the name or other particular of a registrant in the register, as it applies in relation to an application to correct the name or other particular of an applicant of an application to register a geographical indication.”;

(b) in paragraph (2), replace “the application mentioned in paragraph (1)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii)” with “an application to rectify an error or omission in the register of any matter, other than the name or other particular of a person,”;

(c) in paragraph (3), replace “An applicant making the application mentioned in paragraph (1)(b)(ii)” with “Where the application mentioned in paragraph (2) is made by a person other than the registrant of a registered geographical indication, the applicant”; and

(d) in paragraph (4), replace “under paragraph (1)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii)” with “mentioned in paragraph (2)”.

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**Amendment of rule 50**

**13.** In rule 50(1) of the principal Rules, replace “made under rule 49(1)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii)” with “in an application mentioned in rule 49(2)”.

**Amendment of rule 57**

**14.** In rule 57(1) of the principal Rules, replace “Form GI6” with “Form CM2”.

**Amendment of rule 58**

**15.** In rule 58 of the principal Rules —

- (a) in paragraph (1), replace “Form GI10” with “Form CM8”;
- (b) in paragraph (2), replace “The application mentioned in paragraph (1)” with “Where the application is filed by means of the electronic online system, it”; and
- (c) replace paragraphs (3) and (4) with —

“**(3)** Where the application is filed other than by means of the electronic online system, it must —

(a) be authorised by the transferor and the transferee; or

(b) be accompanied by —

(i) a copy of the contract or agreement of transfer; or

(ii) a copy of any documentary evidence that in the Registrar’s view is sufficient to prove that the transferee consents to having the registration of the registered geographical indication transferred to the transferee.

**(4)** The Registrar may require the registrant to provide any document, instrument or information in support of the application as the Registrar thinks fit,

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within such time as the Registrar may specify, and the registrant must comply with the requirement.

(5) The Registrar must refuse an application under paragraph (1) if paragraph (2), (3) or (4) is not complied with.”.

### **Replacement of rule 60 and new rule 60A**

**16.** Rule 60 of the principal Rules is replaced with —

#### **“Extract from register**

**60.** Any person may, by filing Form CM12 with the Registrar, apply for any of the following under section 23(3) of the Act:

- (a) a certified copy of any entry in the register;
- (b) a certified extract from the register;
- (c) a certified copy of any form, pertaining to an application for registration, which was filed with the Registrar.

#### **Certifying document issued by Registrar**

**60A.** Any person may, by filing Form CM12 with the Registrar, request to certify a document issued by the Registrar to the person.”.

### **Amendment of rule 65**

**17.** In rule 65 of the principal Rules —

(a) replace paragraph (1) with —

“(1) An application to the Registrar for the cancellation of the registration of a registered geographical indication must be made in Form CM3.”;

(b) in paragraph (2)(b), replace “mentioned in paragraph (1)(b)” with “made by a person other than the registrant of the registered geographical indication”;

- (c) in paragraph (4), replace “of an application mentioned in paragraph (1)(b)” with “(other than the registrant of the registered geographical indication)”; and
- (d) in paragraph (5), replace “paragraph (1)(a) or (b)” with “paragraph (1)”.

### **Amendment of rule 83**

**18.** In rule 83(2) of the principal Rules —

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), replace “Form GI17” with “Form HC3”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), replace “Form GI9” with “Form CM5”.

### **Amendment of rule 86**

**19.** In rule 86 of the principal Rules —

- (a) in paragraph (1), replace “Form GI3” with “Form CM13”; and
- (b) in paragraph (2)(a), replace “after the expiry of the period mentioned in section 43(3) of the Act” with “starting on the date the application is treated as abandoned under section 43(5) of the Act”.

### **New Part 9A**

**20.** After rule 86 of the principal Rules, insert —

“PART 9A

ELECTRONIC ONLINE SYSTEM

#### **Establishment of electronic online system**

**86A.**—(1) An electronic online system is established for the purposes of these Rules.

(2) Unless the Registrar permits otherwise in a particular case, the electronic online system must be used by any person for giving or sending to, filing with or serving on the Registrar any

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document (other than a notice or document to be served in proceedings in court).

- (3) The electronic online system may be used —
- (a) by the Registrar for giving or sending to or serving on any person any notice or other document; and
  - (b) by a party for the giving or sending to or serving on another party (other than the Registrar) of any document required to be given, sent to or served on that other party under the Act.
- (4) The Registrar may issue practice directions specifying —
- (a) the manner in which any document is to be given or sent to, filed with or served on the Registrar under paragraph (2);
  - (b) the manner in which the Registrar may give, send or serve any notice or document under paragraph (3);
  - (c) the procedures and conditions for the setting-up, operation and use of the electronic online system; and
  - (d) in the event of any interruption in the operation of the electronic online system, the manner in which any document is to be given or sent to, filed with or served on the Registrar under paragraph (2), or in which the Registrar may give, send or serve any notice or document under paragraph (3).
- (5) The Registrar —
- (a) may correct any error or omission in any document or information that has occurred or arisen as a result of any interruption in the operation of the electronic online system; and
  - (b) must maintain a record of the correction so made.
- (6) This rule does not apply to notices and documents to be served in proceedings in the Court.

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**Duty of person using electronic online system**

**86B.** A person may only use the electronic online system in accordance with these Rules and any practice directions issued by the Registrar.”.

**Amendment of rule 87**

**21.** In rule 87 of the principal Rules, after paragraph (2), insert —

“(3) To avoid doubt, where the time for —

- (a) giving, sending to, filing with or serving on the Registrar any notice or other document mentioned in rule 86A; or
- (b) giving, sending to or serving on any person by the Registrar any notice or other document mentioned in rule 86A,

expires on an excluded day for the business of giving, sending, filing or serving the notice or document, that time is extended to the next following day that is not such excluded day, despite the availability of the electronic online system.”.

**Amendment of rule 88**

**22.** In rule 88 of the principal Rules —

(a) replace paragraphs (1) and (2) with —

“(1) Where, on any day, there is an interruption in —

- (a) the postal service of Singapore;
- (b) the operation of the Registry; or
- (c) the operation of the electronic online system,

the Registrar may issue practice directions to declare that day as one on which there has been such interruption.

(2) Where any period of time specified in the Act for the giving, sending, filing or serving of any notice, application or other document expires on a day so declared, the period is extended to the next following day (not being an excluded day for such business) which is not so declared.”; and

- (b) in paragraph (3), after “postal service of Singapore”, insert “or the electronic online system”.

### **Amendment of rule 92**

**23.** In rule 92 of the principal Rules —

- (a) renumber rule 92 as rule 92(1); and  
(b) after paragraph (1), insert —

“(2) Where the irregularity in procedure in connection with any proceedings (other than proceedings with notice) is attributable, wholly or in part, to an omission or other error by the party to the proceedings and the irregularity has been corrected under paragraph (1) on or after 26 May 2022, the Registrar must publish a notification of the decision in the register.”.

### **Amendment of rule 93**

**24.** In rule 93 of the principal Rules —

- (a) in paragraph (1), replace “Form GI8” with “Form CM4”;  
(b) in paragraph (4)(g), delete “or” at the end;  
(c) in paragraph (4)(h), replace the full-stop at the end with “; or”;  
(d) in paragraph (4), after sub-paragraph (h), insert —  
    “(i) Rule 18A(3), (4) and (7), as applied by paragraph (6).”; and  
(e) after paragraph (5), insert —

“(6) Rule 18A applies, with the necessary modifications, in relation to a request on or after 26 May 2022 to correct any particular of an applicant of an application for registration, or the registrant, in an application, a notice or a document mentioned in paragraph (1) as it applies in relation to an application under rule 18 to correct the name or other particular of an applicant of an application for registration of a geographical indication.

(7) The Registrar may, on the Registrar’s own initiative, make any consequential amendment to the register arising from any correction pursuant to a request under paragraph (1) that is made on or after 26 May 2022, and the Registrar must notify the applicant or registrant making the request of the amendment.”.

## Replacement of First and Second Schedules

25. The First and Second Schedules to the principal Rules are replaced with —

### “FIRST SCHEDULE

Rules 3 and 61(3)

#### FEES

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>	<i>Third column</i>	<i>Fourth column</i>
<i>Matter</i>	<i>Corresponding Rule(s)</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Corresponding Form(s)</i>
1. Application to register geographical indication	13	\$1,500	GI1
2. Request to enter qualification of rights in register	40	\$230	GI2
3. Application to renew registration of geographical indication (other than a late application for renewal)	61(1)	\$940 in respect of each geographical indication	GI3

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4. Post-expiration renewal fee for late application to renew registration of geographical indication	61(3)	\$300 in respect of each geographical indication	GI3
5. Application, by person other than registrant, to cancel registration of geographical indication	65(1)	\$550	CM3
6. Application by registrant to cancel registration of geographical indication	65(1)	\$30	CM3
7. Application to amend application for registration of geographical indication (other than to change or correct particular of applicant)	14(2), 18(1)(c)	\$230	CM4
8. Application by registrant to rectify entry in register (other than change of particular of registrant)	49(1)	\$230	CM4
9. Application, by person other than registrant, to rectify entry in register (other than particular of that person)	49(1)	\$550	CM4
10. Application to correct or rectify particular of applicant or registrant or other party in application or register	18(1)(b), 49(1)	\$50	CM4
11. Request to amend application, notice or other document to correct error or obvious mistake	93(1)	\$50	CM4

12. Request for extension of time for matters not relating to proceedings with notice	83(2)(b)	Free for first and second requests  \$50 for third and subsequent requests	CM5
13. Application to transfer registration of registered geographical indication	58(1)	\$70 in respect of each geographical indication	CM8
14. Request for certified copy of entry in register, certified extract from register or certified copy of form pertaining to application for registration —	60		CM12
(a) where the certified copy, certified extract or document is in hardcopy; or		\$35	
(b) where the certified copy, certified extract or document is in softcopy		\$28	
15. Certifying document issued by Registrar	60A	\$12	CM12
16. Request to continue processing application that was treated as abandoned	86	\$180	CM13
17. Notice of opposition to application to correct or rectify error or mistake	18A(3), 18A(3) as applied by 49(1A) or 93(6)	\$550	GI13
18. Notice of objection to amendment of application for registration of geographical indication which has been published	20(1)	\$550	GI13

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19. Notice of opposition to registration of geographical indication	27(1)	\$550	GI13
20. Notice of opposition to request for qualification of rights conferred under Act in respect of geographical indication	41(1)	\$550	GI13
21. Notice of opposition to application to rectify entry in register in respect of registered geographical indication	50(1)	\$550	GI13
22. Notice of opposition to application to cancel registration of registered geographical indication	66(1)	\$550	GI13
23. Attending hearing and obtaining decision		\$1,000	HC1
24. Attending opposition hearing and obtaining decision	36(3) as applied by 47, 56 and 72	\$1,000	HC1
25. Request for extension of time to file notice of objection or counter-statement	23(1)	\$120	HC3
26. Request for extension of time in opposition proceedings (other than in respect of opposition to registration of geographical indication) to file notice of opposition or counter-statement	43(1), 52(1), 68(1)	\$120	HC3

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27. Request for extension of time in opposition proceedings (other than in respect of opposition to registration of geographical indication) to file statutory declaration	45(1), 54(1), 70(1)	\$120	HC3
28. Request for extension of time in proceedings in respect of opposition to registration of geographical indication, to file notice of opposition, counter-statement, or statutory declaration in support of or in opposition to the registration	30(1), 31(4)	\$120	HC3
29. Request for extension of time in proceedings with notice	83(2)(a)	\$120	HC3
30. Request for grounds of decision for objection proceedings in respect of amendment of application for registration of geographical indication which has been published	37(3) as applied by 22(2)	\$1,400	HC5
31. Request for grounds of decision for opposition proceedings in respect of registration of geographical indication	37(3)	\$1,400	HC5

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32. Request for grounds of decision for opposition proceedings in respect of request for qualification of rights conferred under Act in respect of geographical indication	37(3) as applied by 47	\$1,400	HC5
33. Request for grounds of decision for opposition proceedings in respect of application to rectify entry in register in respect of registered geographical indication	37(3) as applied by 56	\$1,400	HC5
34. Request for grounds of decision for opposition proceedings in respect of application to cancel registration of registered geographical indication	37(3) as applied by 72	\$1,400	HC5
35. Filing of counter-statement to notice of opposition to application to correct or rectify error or mistake	18A(7), 18A(7) as applied by 49(1A) or 93(6)	\$550	HC6
36. Filing of counter-statement to notice of objection to amendment of application for registration of geographical indication which has been published	21(1)	\$550	HC6
37. Filing of counter-statement to notice of opposition to registration of geographical indication	29(1)	\$550	HC6

38. Filing of counter-statement to notice of opposition to request for qualification of rights conferred under Act in respect of geographical indication	42(1)	\$550	HC6
39. Filing of counter-statement to notice of opposition to application to rectify entry in register in respect of registered geographical indication	51(1)	\$550	HC6
40. Filing of counter-statement to notice of opposition to application to cancel registration of registered geographical indication	67(1)	\$550	HC6

## SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 5(2)

### DESCRIPTION OF FORMS

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Form No.</i>	<i>Description of Form</i>
GI1	Application to register geographical indication
GI2	Application to request for qualification of rights
GI3	Application to renew registration of geographical indication
GI13	Notice of objection or opposition
CM1	Request to appoint or change agent, or notice of intention to cease to act as agent
CM2	Application to change name or other particular of applicant, registrant or other party
CM3	Application to cancel registration of geographical indication

CM4	Application to amend application for registration of geographical indication; rectify entry in register; correct name or other particular of applicant, registrant or other party
CM5	Request for extension of time for matters not relating to proceedings with notice
CM8	Application to transfer registration of registered geographical indication
CM9	Request for withdrawal of application for registration of geographical indication
CM12	Request for certified copy of entry in register, certified extract from register or certified copy of form pertaining to application for registration; request for certifying document issued by Registrar
CM13	Application to request for continued processing of an application for registration of geographical indication that was treated as abandoned
HC1	Hearing and decision
HC3	Request for extension of time in proceedings with notice
HC5	Request for grounds of decision
HC6	Counter-statement

### Miscellaneous amendments

26. In the principal Rules —

(a) in the following provisions, replace “Form GI18” with “Form HC6”:

Rules 21(1), 29(1)(a), 42(1), 51(1) and 67(1);

(b) in the following provisions, replace “Form GI15” with “Form HC1”:

Rule 36(3), (4) and (5);

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(c) in the following provisions, replace “Form GI17” with “Form HC3”:

Rules 23(1), 30(1), 31(4), 43(1), 45(1), 52(1), 54(1), 68(1) and 70(1);

(d) in rule 37(3), replace “Form GI14” with “Form HC5”;

(e) in the following provisions, replace “rule 49(1)(a)(ii) or (b)(ii)” (wherever it appears) with “rule 49(2)”:

Rules 50(3), 51(1) and (3), 53(1)(a), 55(b) and 56(c) and (e);

(f) in the following provisions, delete “(as the case may be)”:

Rules 50(3), 51(1), 53(1)(a) and 55(b);

(g) in the following provisions, delete “, as the case may be”:

Rules 51(1)(a) and (3) and 56(c) and (e);

(h) in the following provisions, replace “rule 65(1)(a) or (b), as the case may be” with “rule 65(1)”:

Rules 69(5) and 72(c) and (f); and

(i) in rule 71(b), replace “rule 65(1)(a) or (b) (as the case may be)” with “rule 65(1)”.

### **Replacement of references to provisions of Act because of 2020 Revised Edition**

27. The principal Rules are amended by replacing each reference to a provision number of the Act specified in the first column of the following table with the provision number of the Act specified opposite it in the second column of the table:

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Provision number (before 31 December 2021)</i>	<i>New provision number (as at 31 December 2021)</i>
39(1) or (2)	39(1) or (3)
39(2)	39(3)
46(3A)	46(4)
46(6)	46(7)

### **Saving and transitional provisions**

#### **28.—(1) Despite rule 6 —**

- (a) an address for service provided in Form GI10 before 26 May 2022, in accordance with rule 11(5)(c) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, is treated as provided in accordance with rule 11(5)(c) of the principal Rules as amended by rule 6(a);
- (b) an address for service provided in Form GI18 before 26 May 2022, in accordance with rule 11(5)(f) or (g) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, is treated as provided in accordance with rule 11(5)(f) or (g) (as the case may be) of the principal Rules as amended by rule 6(b); and
- (c) a change in a person’s address for service in Singapore notified to the Registrar in Form GI6 before 26 May 2022, in accordance with rule 11(11) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, is treated as so notified in accordance with rule 11(11) of the principal Rules as amended by rule 6(d).

(2) Despite rule 7, rule 12 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 26 May 2022 (called in this paragraph the old rule) continues to apply in relation to a notice mentioned in paragraph (7) of the old rule that was filed and served in accordance with paragraph (7) of the old rule before that date.

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(3) Despite rule 9, a notice of withdrawal under section 47(1) of the Act of an application for registration of a geographical indication, being an application made before 26 May 2022, must be made in Form GI12 mentioned in rule 17 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date.

(4) Despite rule 10, an application to amend an application for registration of a geographical indication made in Form GI6 or Form GI2 before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 18 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, and that is pending on that date, is treated as made in accordance with rule 18 of the principal Rules as amended by rule 10.

(5) Despite rules 12, 13 and 26(e), (f) and (g) —

(a) an application under section 22 of the Act to rectify an error or omission in the register made in Form GI6, Form GI2 or Form GI4 before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 49 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, and that is pending on that date, is treated as made in accordance with rule 49 of the principal Rules as amended by rule 12; and

(b) Division 2 of Part 4 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date continues to apply in relation to the application.

(6) Despite rule 14, an application to change a person's name, address or other particulars in the register that was filed in Form GI6 before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 57(1) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, and that is pending on that date, is treated as filed in accordance with rule 57(1) of the principal Rules as amended by rule 14.

(7) Despite rule 15, rule 58 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 26 May 2022 (called in this paragraph the old rule) continues to apply in relation to an application mentioned in paragraph (1) of the old rule that was made before that date.

(8) Despite rule 17, rule 65 of the principal Rules (called in this paragraph rule 65) applies to an application for cancellation of registration of a registered geographical indication that was filed

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before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 65 as in force immediately before that date, and that is pending on that date, as if it were filed in accordance with rule 65 as amended by rule 17.

(9) Despite rules 18 and 26(c), a request for an extension of time that was filed in accordance with rule 23(1), 30(1), 31(4), 43(1), 45(1), 52(1), 54(1), 68(1), 70(1) or 83(2) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 26 May 2022, and that is pending on that date, is treated as filed in accordance with rule 23(1), 30(1), 31(4), 43(1), 45(1), 52(1), 54(1), 68(1), 70(1) or 83(2) (as the case may be) of the principal Rules as amended by rules 18 and 26(c).

(10) Despite rule 19, a request for the Registrar to continue processing an application for registration of a geographical indication made in Form GI3 before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 86 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, and that is pending on that date, is treated as made in accordance with rule 86 of the principal Rules as amended by rule 19.

(11) Despite rule 24, a request under section 54(a) of the Act made in Form GI8 before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 93 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, and that is pending on that date, is treated as made in accordance with rule 93 of the principal Rules as amended by rule 24.

(12) Despite rule 26(a), a counter-statement that was filed before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 21(1), 29(1)(a), 42(1), 51(1) or 67(1) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, in respect of any matter that is pending on that date, is treated as filed in accordance with rule 21(1), 29(1)(a), 42(1), 51(1) or 67(1) (as the case may be) of the principal Rules as amended by rule 26(a).

(13) Despite rule 26(b), a request to appear at a hearing mentioned in rule 36(3) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 26 May 2022 (called in this paragraph the old rule) that was filed in Form GI15 before that date in accordance with the old rule, and that is pending on that date, is treated as filed in accordance with rule 36 of the principal Rules as amended by rule 26(b).

(14) Despite rule 26(d), rule 37(4) and (5) of the principal Rules applies in relation to a request for grounds of the Registrar's decision that was filed before 26 May 2022 in accordance with rule 37(3) of

the principal Rules as in force immediately before that date, and that is pending on that date, as if it were filed in accordance with rule 37(3) of the principal Rules as amended by rule 26(d).

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