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REGISTERED DESIGNS ACT
(CHAPTER 266)

REGISTERED DESIGNS
(INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 64A and 74 of the Registered Designs Act, the Minister for Law, after consulting with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Registered Designs (International Registration) (Amendment) Rules 2019 and come into operation on 13 September 2019.

Amendment of rule 4

2. Rule 4(2) of the Registered Designs (International Registration) Rules 2005 (G.N. No. S 177/2005) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the words “rules 7 and 13 to 28” and substituting the words “rules 7, 13 to 25, 27 and 28”.

Amendment of rule 9

3. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) The Registrar must specify in the notification of refusal in respect of an international registration designating Singapore —

- (a) the period within which the holder of the international registration designating Singapore may make representations against the refusal; and

- (b) where rule 10(2A) applies, that the holder of the international registration designating Singapore may notify the Registrar of any particulars of the international registration designating Singapore that are to be amended as part of the holder's representations.”.

Amendment of rule 10

4. Rule 10 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(2A) If the Registrar is of the view that a refusal may be addressed by an amendment to any particulars of an international registration designating Singapore, the Registrar may —

- (a) state so in the notification of refusal; and
- (b) state the particulars that may be amended in order to address the refusal.”.

Amendment of rule 11

5. Rule 11 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) For the purposes of the application by these Rules of the provisions of the Act, a design that is the subject of an international registration designating Singapore is treated as if it was registered under the Act, and is protected as a protected international design (Singapore), starting on —

- (a) in a case where the Registrar notifies the International Bureau under rule 10(3) that a final decision has been made to withdraw the refusal of protection following the amendment of any particulars of the international registration as part of the holder's representations — the date of the notification; or
- (b) in any other case — the filing date of the corresponding international application.”.

Amendment of rule 21

6. Rule 21(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “13 to 29,” and substituting the words “13 to 25, 27 to 29,”.

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Made on 10 September 2019.

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