

**IN THE REGISTRY OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE
PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 2019**

HOURS OF BUSINESS AND EXCLUDED DAYS

This Practice Direction is issued by the Registrar under Section 35 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (“Act”) to specify the hours of business of the Registry and the days which are to be treated as excluded days.

This Practice Direction shall come into effect on 1 April 2019.

A. Hours of business

Subject to Rule 87(3) of the Geographical Indications Rules 2019 (“Rules”), the hours of business of the Registry shall be 8.30 am to 5.30 pm from Monday to Friday, except on a day which is an excluded day.

B. Excluded days

- (1) All Sundays, public holidays and such other days as the Registrar may specify, shall be excluded days for all purposes under the Act and the Rules.
- (2) All Saturdays shall be excluded days for any business under the Act and the Rules, where the time for doing the business expires on that date and where the business was not done by that date.
- (3) The eve of New Year’s Day, the eve of the first day of Chinese New Year and the eve of Christmas Day¹ of each year are excluded days for any business under the Act and the Rules, where the time for doing the business expires on that date and where the business was not done by that date. If any of the excluded days specified in this paragraph falls on a Sunday, paragraph B(1) shall apply.

Dated this 1st day of April 2019.



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DEPUTY REGISTRAR
REGISTRY OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

¹ As informed by the Ministry of Manpower.