

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore  
Registry of Designs  
Circular No. 2/2019: Registered Designs (International Registration) Rules 2019

**Registered Designs (International Registration) Amendment Rules 2019**  
(Circular No. 2/2019, dated 16 September 2019)

The Registered Designs (International Registration) Amendment Rules 2019 come into operation on 13 September 2019. These rules amend the Registered Designs (International Registration) Rules 2005 (the “RD (IR) Rules”).

A summary of the amendments to the RD (IR) Rules is listed as follows:

**a. International Registrations Designating Singapore Subject to Practice Directions on Classification**

Rules 4 and 21 of the RD (IR) Rules are amended to require the classification of any article, non-physical product or set of articles and non-physical products to which a design that is the subject of an international registration designating Singapore is intended to be applied, to be in accordance with any practice directions issued by the Registrar under Rule 26 of the Registered Designs Rules.

**b. Amendments to Particulars of International Registrations Designating Singapore**

Rules 9 and 10 of the RD (IR) Rules are amended to allow a holder of an international registration designating Singapore to notify the Registrar of any particulars of the registration that are to be amended in order to address a refusal of protection in Singapore. Any such amendments are to be made as part of the holder’s representations against the refusal of protection.

**c. Starting Date of Protection of Protected International Designs (Singapore)**

Rule 11 of RD (IR) Rules is amended in respect of the starting date on which a design that is the subject of an international registration designating Singapore is protected in Singapore. Where the Registrar notifies the International Bureau under rule 10(3) that a final decision has been made to withdraw a refusal of protection following an amendment of any particulars of the registration, the design is protected starting on the date of the notification. In any other case, the design is protected starting on the filing date of the corresponding international application.

Please click [here](#) to view the full details of the amendments.

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