

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore  
Registry of Designs

Circular No. 3/2021: Introduction of Amendments to the Registered Designs Subsidiary Legislation and Electronic Filing and Service of Documents

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(Circular No. 3/2021, dated 10 September 2021)

### **Amendments to Registered Designs Subsidiary Legislation**

1. Amendments will be made to the Registered Designs Rules (“RD Rules”) and Registered Designs (International Registration) Rules (“RD(IR) Rules”) to:
  - (a) Enhance dispute resolution processes, and
  - (b) Streamline designs operational processes.
2. These amendments will take effect on 1 October 2021.
3. The full list of amendments made to the RD Rules and RD(IR) Rules can be accessed [here](#).

### **Electronic Filing and Service of Documents**

4. The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the digitalisation of operations for businesses and IP Offices worldwide. In tandem with the legislative amendments to the RD Rules and RD(IR) Rules, IPOS will shift towards greater digitalisation of our filing and communications procedures to provide better convenience to our customers.
5. The default mode of filing and/or service of documents on the Registrar for transactions relating to Patents, Trade Marks, and Registered Designs is through our electronic online system, IP<sup>2</sup>SG.<sup>1</sup> Timing with the implementation of the above changes, IPOS will no longer accept the filing and/or service of documents via alternative filing modes such as FormSG if these actions can be done via IP<sup>2</sup>SG. However, forms or requests which are unavailable on IP<sup>2</sup>SG may still be submitted via FormSG.
6. To update on this new practice, two new Practice Directions, [IP<sup>2</sup>SG Practice Direction \(No. 1 of 2021\)](#) and [Registries Practice Direction \(No. 1 of 2021\)](#) have been published and will take effect on 1 October 2021.
7. If you have any enquiries on this Circular, please email us at [ipos\\_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg](mailto:ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg).

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<sup>1</sup> IP<sup>2</sup>SG is IPOS’s one-stop e-filing portal for businesses to transact and communicate with IPOS. IP<sup>2</sup>SG also allows businesses to manage their filings and registrations in one convenient location. Customers with a valid Singpass ID and an authorised Singapore mailing address can easily create an IP<sup>2</sup>SG account to begin transacting on IP<sup>2</sup>SG. Foreign-based corporate entities who wish to create a Corppass account may refer to the Corppass website ([www.corppass.gov.sg](http://www.corppass.gov.sg)) for more details.

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