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## **New Online Payment Platform on IP<sup>2</sup>SG and Revised Patents Formalities Manual (Circular No. 3/2019, dated 31 October 2019)**

### **New Online Payment Platform on IP<sup>2</sup>SG**

In line with Singapore's Smart Nation push towards enhancing customer convenience with fast and seamless digital transactions, we will be launching a new online payment platform on 18 November 2019. The new online payment platform will replace the current over-the-counter payment modes.

With this new online platform, customers can make payment online for transactions not made via IP<sup>2</sup>SG (eg. certified true copies). Payment modes on the new online payment platform include Internet banking, GIRO and Visa/MasterCard credit and debit card.

For forms that could be filed via IP<sup>2</sup>SG, we strongly encourage customers to file via IP<sup>2</sup>SG as they would be processed more promptly, and service bureau charges would not be imposed.

For more information on payment and form submissions, please refer to the "Forms & Fees" sections under the following IP Resources pages for more details:

- [Patent](#)
- [Trademark](#)
- [Geographical Indication](#)
- [Design](#)
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## Revised Patent Formalities Manual

The revised Patents Formalities Manual (Nov 2019 version) will be published on 1 December 2019. The key updates to the manual are as follows:

1. Revision to Chapters 5, 6.3 – 6.4 and 9.3 in relation to submission of marked-up and clean copy when making requests for amendments and corrections to specification.

With effect from 1 December 2019, IPOS will be accepting a marked-up copy and a clean copy of full set of claims for amendments or correction to claims. This will provide better clarity to the amendments and corrections sought and improve examination efficiency. When there is a discrepancy between the marked-up copy and the clean copy, the examiner will rely on the clean copy for assessment of amendments or corrections.

2. Update to Chapter 7.1 in relation to two new ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation (ASPEC) pilot features, namely PCT-ASPEC and ASPEC Acceleration for Industry 4.0 Infrastructure and Manufacturing (ASPEC AIM).
3. Addition of Chapter 7.6 in relation to technology-specific acceleration programmes for first filings, namely FinTech Fast Track (FTFT) and Accelerated Initiative for Artificial intelligence (AI<sup>2</sup>).

The revised Patents Formalities Manual will be accessible [here](#).

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