

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore  
Registry of Patents

Circular No. 5/2020: Public Consultation on Proposed Changes to Simplify and Streamline Intellectual Property Processes and Improve User Experience with Digital Initiatives

## **Public Consultation on Proposed Changes to Simplify and Streamline Intellectual Property Processes and Improve User Experience with Digital Initiatives**

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IPOS is seeking feedback on proposed changes to simplify and streamline intellectual property (“IP”) processes and improve user experience with digital initiatives.

### Why is IPOS doing this?

As part of IPOS’ continuous effort to ensure a top-class IP regime in Singapore, IPOS has identified areas where changes can be considered for processes relating to the obtaining, maintaining and recording Patents, Registered Designs, Trade Marks, Geographical Indications and Plant Varieties Protection rights and transactions in Singapore. In proposing changes to the identified areas, IPOS also takes into account the need to maintain a fair balance between the interests of IP rights owners and third parties.

### How do I submit my feedback?

Your views are important to us. The public consultation period will run from **17 August 2020 (Monday) to 14 September 2020 (Monday) (extension of the consultation period is not possible)**. We look forward to hearing your feedback via [FormSG submission](#).

### Public consultation paper

The consultation paper is organised into 4 sections:

- A: Simplifying and Streamlining Patents Processes (3 sets of questions)
- B: Simplifying and Streamlining Trade Marks Processes (2 sets of questions)
- C: Simplifying and Streamlining Common Processes (3 sets of questions)
- D: Improving User Experience and Service with Digital Initiatives (1 set of question)

The public consultation paper is available [here](#).

### How do I contact IPOS should I have queries on this public consultation?

You are welcome to contact us at [IPOS\\_Consultation@ipos.gov.sg](mailto:IPOS_Consultation@ipos.gov.sg).

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