

Public Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Singapore's Patents Legislation

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The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ("IPOS") is seeking feedback on proposed amendments to Singapore's patents legislation.

The bulk of the legislation changes for which feedback is sought relate to proposed amendments to Section 14 of the Patents Act to broaden the grace period for patent applications. The scope of Section 14(4) of the Patents Act will be expanded so that all disclosures of the invention by the inventor or by a person who obtained the matter disclosed directly or indirectly from the inventor will be graced if the disclosure had been made within the 12 month period immediately preceding the date of filing of the patent application in Singapore.

Other changes for which feedback is sought relate to proposed amendments to Section 29 Patents Act concerning the withdrawal of an initial request for search and examination, examination or supplementary examination accompanied with the filing of a fresh request for examination under another examination route.

The full consultation paper is available on the legislation webpage of the IPOS website (<https://www.ipos.gov.sg/AboutIP/IPLegislation/PublicConsultations.aspx>)

Your views are important and will help us in improving the patent regime. The public consultation period will run from **Thursday 27 October 2016 to Tuesday 15 November 2016**. Feedback should be submitted in electronic or hardcopy form, with the subject "Public Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Singapore's Patents Legislation" to:

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