

**IN THE REGISTRIES OF PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, REGISTERED DESIGNS, PLANT
VARIETIES PROTECTION AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPORE**

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 2020

EXCLUDED DAYS

1. This Practice Direction is issued by the Registrar under Section 111 of the Patents Act, Section 78 of the Trade Marks Act, Section 64 of the Registered Designs Act, Section 51 of the Plant Varieties Protection Act and Section 35 of the Geographical Indications Act, to specify that the following days are to be treated as excluded days:
 - a. 7 April to 7 May 2020 are excluded days for any business under the Patents, Trade Marks, Registered Designs, Plant Varieties Protection and Geographical Indications Acts and Rules, where the time for doing the business expires on that date and where the business was not done by that date.
 - b. 7 April to 7 May 2020 shall also be excluded days for manual and facsimile submission of documents, including hardcopy forms pursuant to Rules 97(1)(a), (b) and (d) of the Patents Rules, Rule 3A(3) of the Trade Marks Rules, Rule 3A(3) of the Registered Designs Rules, Rule 5(2)(b) of the Plant Varieties Protection Rules and Rule 4(3) of the Geographical Indications Rules.
2. If any of the excluded days specified in this Practice Direction falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday, Practice Direction No. 1 of 2009 and Practice Direction No. 1 of 2019 still apply.^{i ii}

Dated this 3rd day of April 2020



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ⁱ Practice Direction No. 1 of 2009 (on hours of business and excluded days) specifies that all Sundays shall be excluded days for all purposes under the Trade Marks Act and Rules, the Patent Act and Rules, the Registered Designs Act and Rules, and the Plant Varieties Protection Act and Rules.

ⁱⁱ Practice Direction No. 1 of 2019 (on hours of business and excluded days) specifies that all Sundays shall be excluded days for all purposes under the Geographical Indications Act and Rules.

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