

Amendments to the Trade Marks Rules
(Circular No. 10/2015, dated 30 Nov 2015)

Background

Trade mark applications must specify the goods and services for which the trade mark is being applied. Presently, the goods and services must be classified in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Trade Marks Rules, which mirrors the Nice Classification.

Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2015

The Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2015 will remove the Third Schedule and expressly provide that trade mark applications are to be classified according to the Nice Classification as in force on the date of the application for registration of the trade mark.

The express reference to the Nice Classification in the Trade Marks Rules ensures that our legislation is kept abreast with any changes to the Nice Classification without the need for periodic amendments.

The Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2015 will be gazetted on 1 December 2015 and will come into force on 1 January 2016.

The Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2015 is available on Singapore Statutes Online at <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg/aol/home.w3p>.