

Formalizing of amendments to specification of goods or services

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The Registry wishes to remind applicants to exercise care when formalizing amendments to the specification of goods or services covered by their trade mark applications.

Once the specification covered by an application has been restricted, it cannot subsequently be expanded. This is in compliance with Section 14(3) of the Trade Marks Act, which states that amendment requests to an application shall not extend the goods or services covered.

This applies to national applications, where specification amendments are formalized by submitting the amendment form (Form TM27), as well as to international registrations designating Singapore, where amendments are formalized by submitting a written response to consent to the Registry's proposal to effect these amendments to the objected specification items.

Prior to the submission of requests to amend the specification, applicants are advised to ensure that their requested amendments accurately reflect their intended goods and services, even if the amendments are proposed by the Registry. The Registry would not be able to accede to requests to expand the specification after restriction amendments have been approved.