

## **Request for Reconsideration of Examination Reports**

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As part of IPOS' commitment to deliver quality examination decisions to our applicants, the Registry has introduced an avenue for applicants to request for a reconsideration of examination reports.

Under this process, an applicant may request for the Registry to reconsider the objections raised in the examination report. Upon such a request, we will ask a fresh panel of experienced examiners to review the examination decision.

To ensure that this mechanism works for its intended purpose, we will:

- i. only consider a request for reconsideration after the second examination report has been received by the applicant. This will ensure that both the applicant and the Registry have had the opportunity to consider the issues in question fully; and
- ii. issue a final refusal against the trade mark application where the Registry's decision is to maintain the objections raised in the examination report.

For the avoidance of doubt, this final refusal does not preclude applicants from applying for a hearing on Form HC 4 to make further representations.

The request shall be made by way of email to [tm\\_rfr@ipos.gov.sg](mailto:tm_rfr@ipos.gov.sg) in the following format:

Subject: Request for Reconsideration – [indicate trade mark no.]

Attention: The Registrar, IPOS

The Applicant requests for a reconsideration of the objections raised in respect of [indicate trade mark no.]. The Applicant is aware that Registry will issue a final refusal against the subject application where the Registry's decision is to maintain the objections raised.

The Registry will not entertain any requests made through other means.

### **Feedback**

If you have any feedback regarding the Request for Reconsideration, please email them to: [tm\\_rfr@ipos.gov.sg](mailto:tm_rfr@ipos.gov.sg)