

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

Registry of Trade Marks

Circular No. 4/2019: Easing of Translation and Transliteration Requirements for Marks Containing Foreign Words or Characters

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(Circular No. 4/2019, dated 7 March 2019)

To provide greater convenience to customers applying for protection of their trademarks, we would no longer require applicants to provide the translation and/or transliteration of the foreign words and/or characters appearing in their marks. This process will be automated and applicants need only to enter all the words and/or characters appearing in the mark in text format on the Form TM4. For international registrations designating Singapore, we will attempt to automatically generate the translation and transliteration of the foreign words and/or characters appearing in the mark.

In the event that automated generation of the translations is not possible, we may request the applicant to provide the relevant words and characters in text format (or any supporting translation documents).

As part of our continual process review, we will no longer be endorsing the translation and transliteration clauses for marks containing foreign words and/or characters.

Effective Date of Change

The above will take effect for all trade mark applications lodged with IPOS from 15 April 2019 onwards.

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