This Practice Direction is issued by the Registrar under Section 78 of the Trade Marks Act, Section 111 of the Patents Act, Section 64 of the Registered Designs Act, and Section 51 of the Plant Varieties Protection Act, to specify that the following days are to be treated as excluded days:

With effect from the date of this Practice Direction, the eve of New Year’s Day, the eve of the first day of Chinese New Year and the eve of Christmas Day of each year are excluded days, for any business under the Trade Marks Act and Rules, the Patents Act and Rules, the Registered Designs Act and Rules, and the Plant Varieties Act and Rules, where the time for doing the business expires on that date and where the business was not done by that date.

If any of the excluded days specified in this Practice Direction falls on a Sunday, Practice Direction No. 1 of 2009 still applies.

Dated this 1st day of September 2015.

TAN YIH SAN
REGISTRAR
REGISTRIES OF TRADE MARKS, PATENTS, DESIGNS AND PLANT VARIETIES

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1. As informed by the Ministry of Manpower.
2. 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 Patents Act and Rules, the Registered Designs Act and Rules, and the Plant Varieties Protection Act and Rules.