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Extension of excluded days from 1 to 16 May 2024, due to migration of IPOS online filing platform

We had sent an earlier update on 22 April 2024, to inform you that the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ("IPOS") will be migrating the IPOS Digital Hub platform to the Government on Commercial Cloud platform. As such, the IPOS Digital Hub and IPOS Go mobile app for online transactions will not be available from 1 to 13 May 2024.

In response to feedback received from stakeholders, the Registrar has issued <u>Registries Practice Direction No. 2 of 2024</u> (the "PD") to supersede <u>Registries Practice Direction No. 1 of 2024</u>. The PD specifies that the period of 1 to 13 May 2024 (both dates inclusive) are excluded days for all business under the IP Acts and Rules, except for the business listed in Section A, paragraph 6 of the PD. In addition, the PD further specifies that <u>14 to 16 May 2024</u> (both dates inclusive) are excluded days for all business under the IP Acts and Rules, where the time for doing the business expires on any of these dates and where the business was not done by the date upon which the time for such business expires.

The additional period of excluded days from 14 to 16 May 2024 will allow users to progressively carry out transactions on IPOS Digital Hub and IPOS Go mobile app following the resumption of these services on 14 May 2024.

All deadlines (including priority deadlines) falling during the period of <u>1 to 16 May 2024</u> will automatically be extended to <u>17 May 2024</u>.

The PD and the accompanying circulars for the respective IP will detail the effects of excluded days on the expiry of time periods and date of filing.

- Patents Circular No. 2 of 2024
- Trade Marks Circular No. 3 of 2024
- Designs Circular No. 2 of 2024
- Plant Varieties Circular No. 2 of 2024
- Geographical Indications Circular No. 2 of 2024

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