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Circular No. 4/2019: Checks on Declaration of Novelty in Design Applications

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(Circular No. 4/2019, dated 29 November 2019)

With reference to [Circular No. 1/2019](#) on heightened checks for declaration of novelty in design applications, this circular provides further details of the procedure where the Registrar refuses an application for registration of a design that is not new on the face of the application under Section 17(2) of the Registered Designs Act.

To improve applicants' understanding of the Registrar's objection in these cases, the Registrar will include in every objection letter, an example of 1 or more designs which, in the Registrar's opinion, suggest that the subject matter of the application is the same as such design(s) or differs from such design(s) only in immaterial details or in features that are variants commonly used in the trade.

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