

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Registry of Geographical Indications

Circular No. 3/2021: Introduction of Amendments to the Geographical Indications Rules 2019

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- Amendments will be made to the Geographical Indications Rules 2019 ("GI Rules") to provide greater clarity and certainty for certain timelines relating to the examination and renewal of a Geographical Indication. These amendments will take effect on 1 October 2021.
- 2. Rule 24(1)(b) of the GI Rules is amended to clarify that the deadline to respond to a deficiency notice in relation to an application to register a Geographical Indication will be two months after the date of the notice.
- 3. Rule 62 of the GI Rules is amended to clarify that the earliest date on which the Registrar will send a renewal notice for the registration of a Geographical Indication is six months before the date of expiry of the registration, and the latest date is one month before the date of expiry of the registration.
- 4. The full list of amendments made to the GI Rules can be accessed here.
- 5. If you have any enquiries on this Circular, please email us at ipos\_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg.

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