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## **TRADE MARK PROCEDURE IN SINGAPORE**

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### **1. TRADE MARK IDENTICAL / AVAILABILITY SEARCH**

Before filing your application, we advise to conduct an unofficial search before filing the application so as to avoid the question of similarity. The search could take at least 5-working days to receive the results.

### **2. FILING AN APPLICATION**

After the search completed, an application of trade mark can be filed within the next working day provided all required documents and information are furnished sufficiently. The filing of an application does not guarantee registration even though the search has been conducted.

### **3. FORMALITIES EXAMINATION**

Once trade mark application has been received, the Examiner will be checked for completeness and compliance. A trade mark application number and date of application filing will be allocated at this stage.

### **4. SEARCH AND EXAMINATION**

The Examiner will be examined to determine whether the mark is registrable in accordance with the law. If the Examiners have any objections/official actions to the mark, the Examiner will notify the agent/applicant of their objection/official actions and grant the applicant a specified period of time in which to overcome the objections/official actions. The applicant may also request for an extension of time in which to answer such objections/official actions. If the applicant fails to respond to objections/official actions within the granted period, the applications would be considered withdrawn.

### **5. PUBLICATION IN TRADE MARK JOURNAL**

Once the objection/official actions have been overcome, or if there are no objection/official actions, we will be informed the acceptance of application for registration and the acceptance will be published for public information in the Trade Mark Journal. Any interested party may oppose the published mark within two months of the application.

### **6. OPPOSITION, IF ANY**

Opposition is the process whereby members of the public, or any interested third party may object to the grant to a trade mark registration if they have valid grounds for doing so. The grounds of opposition may include reasons such as the application is similar to a registered or pending mark, and so forth.

### **7. REGISTRATION**

If the opposition to registration is resolved in favour of the applicant, or if there are no opposition, the trade mark will be registered and a registration certificate will be issued. The Certificate of Registration will be valid for a period of ten years from the date of application and may be renewed for successive periods of ten years on payment of a renewal fee.