

IPOS Defers Increase in Official Fees to 26 May 2022

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) has announced that the revision in official fees originally slated for implementation on 29 April 2022 will come into effect on 26 May 2022 instead.

The revised official fees will apply to payments made on or after 26 May 2022 and will affect official fees payable for patents, trade marks, registered designs, plant variety protection, geographical indications (GI) and hearings and mediation. The delay in the fee revisions are to allow IPOS to resolve technical issues and prevent any anticipated disruptions to users of the new IPOS Digital Hub, which will launch on 2 June 2022 instead.

Notwithstanding the revised dates above, the period of 29 April 2022 to 8 May 2022 (both dates inclusive) taking into account Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays falling within this period will continue to remain as a period of excluded days. This means that any deadline that falls within that period will be automatically extended to the next following day which is not an excluded day, i.e. 9 May 2022.

In addition, to facilitate the launch of IPOS Digital Hub on 2 June 2022, the Registrar will be issuing another practice direction to declare the period of 26 May 2022 to 3 June 2022 (both dates inclusive) as excluded days in due course. This means that any deadline that falls within that period should be automatically extended to the next following day which is not an excluded day, i.e. 6 June 2022.

To save on costs before the increase in official fees come into effect, we recommend taking action to file and renew your IP rights before 26 May 2022 where possible.

Full details on the fee revisions can be found at [Circular No. 1/2022](#).

You may also wish to refer to the following IP circulars for more detailed information on excluded days:

- [Patents Circular No. 4 of 2022](#)
- [Trade Marks Circular No. 5 of 2022](#)
- [Registered Designs Circular No. 4 of 2022](#)
- [Plant Varieties Protection Circular No. 3 of 2022](#)
- [Geographical Indications Circular No. 3 of 2022](#)

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