



# **THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

## **LAYOUT-DESIGNS OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS ACT 1999**

### **2020 REVISED EDITION**

This revised edition incorporates all amendments up to and including 1 December 2021 and comes into operation on 31 December 2021.

*Prepared and Published by*

THE LAW REVISION COMMISSION  
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF  
THE REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS ACT 1983



# Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits Act 1999

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

### PART 1

#### PRELIMINARY

#### Section

1. Short title
2. Interpretation
3. No protection for ideas
4. Act binds the Government

### PART 2

#### PROTECTION OF LAYOUT-DESIGNS

5. Protected layout-designs
6. Ownership of layout-design
7. Duration of protection

### PART 3

#### LAYOUT-DESIGN RIGHTS AND INFRINGEMENT ACTION

8. Rights of qualified owner
9. Infringement
10. Non-infringing acts
11. Innocent infringement
12. Remedies for infringement
13. Order for delivery up
14. Order for disposal
15. Presumption of protection and ownership
16. Affidavit evidence
17. Groundless threat of infringement proceedings

## PART 4

## DEALINGS WITH A LAYOUT-DESIGN RIGHT

## Section

18. Assignments and licences of layout-design
19. Prospective ownership of layout-design
20. Exclusive licensee
21. Exercise of concurrent rights

## PART 5

## COMPULSORY LICENSING

22. Interpretation of this Part
23. Use by Government for public non-commercial purpose
24. Scope and nature of right under section 23
25. Duty to inform qualified owner
26. Qualified owner entitled to remuneration
27. Licence to remedy anti-competitive practice
28. Scope and nature of licence
29. Court may determine licence

## PART 6

## MISCELLANEOUS

30. Rules
  31. Designation of qualifying countries
- 

An Act to provide for the protection of layout-designs of integrated circuits.

[15 February 1999]

## PART 1

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits Act 1999.

## **Interpretation**

**2.—(1)** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“commercially exploit” includes —

- (a) to sell, let for hire or otherwise distribute by way of trade;
- (b) to offer or expose for sale or hire or other distribution by way of trade; or
- (c) to import for the purpose of sale, letting for hire or other distribution by way of trade,

and “commercially exploited”, “commercially exploiting” and “commercial exploitation” have corresponding meanings;

“Court” means the General Division of the High Court;

“creator”, in the case of a computer aided design of a layout-design, means the person who made the arrangements for the creation of the layout-design;

“exclusive licence” means a licence in writing signed by or on behalf of a qualified owner authorising the licensee, to the exclusion of all other persons, including the person granting the licence, to exercise a right that would otherwise be exercisable exclusively by the qualified owner;

“integrated circuit” means a product, in its final form or an intermediate form, in which the elements, at least one of which is an active element, and some or all of the interconnections are integrally formed in and on, or in or on, a piece of material and which is intended to perform an electronic function;

“layout-design” means the 3-dimensional disposition, however expressed, of the elements of an integrated circuit (at least one of which is an active element), and of some or all of the interconnections of an integrated circuit, or such a 3-dimensional disposition prepared for an integrated circuit intended for manufacture;