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# Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill

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**Bill No. 39/2021.**

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Geographical Indications Act 2014, the Patents Act, the Plant Varieties Protection Act, the Registered Designs Act and the Trade Marks Act to facilitate certain changes to the processes for registration of intellectual property rights, standardise certain provisions across these Acts and make certain other amendments to these Acts, as well as to amend the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Act for fines and composition sums to be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

## Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Intellectual Property (Amendment) Act 2022 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

## PART 1

### AMENDMENT OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT 2014

#### Amendment of section 22

2. Section 22 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014 is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(3A) An application to the Registrar for rectification is subject to the rules mentioned in section 84(2)(ea).”; and

(b) by deleting the words “or correction” in the section heading.

#### Amendment of section 47

3. Section 47 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014 is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “correcting” in subsection (2) and substituting the word “amending”;

(b) by deleting the word “address” in subsection (2)(a) and substituting the words “other particular”;

(c) by deleting the word “correction” in subsection (2) and substituting the word “amendment”; and

(d) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Subsection (2) is subject to the rules mentioned in section 84(2)(ea).”.

### **Amendment of section 51**

**4.** Section 51 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014 is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “not later than 6 months after the date of expiry of the registration” in subsection (3) and substituting the words “not earlier than the prescribed period before the date of expiry of the registration and not later than another prescribed period after that date”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(3A) Where the application for renewal is made within the second-mentioned prescribed period in subsection (3) after the date of expiry of the registration, the fees payable are the prescribed renewal fee and the prescribed post-expiration renewal fee.”.

### **Amendment of section 54**

**5.** The Geographical Indications Act 2014 is amended by renumbering section 54 as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection:

“(2) Subsection (1) is subject to the rules mentioned in section 84(2)(ea).”.

### **Amendment of section 84**

**6.** Section 84(2) of the Geographical Indications Act 2014 is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (e), the following paragraph:

“(ea) to enable the Registrar to publish —

(i) an application to rectify an error or omission in the register; and