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# **Geographical Indications (Amendment) Bill**

**Bill No. 4/2020.**

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (Act 19 of 2014).

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 Geographical Indications (Amendment) Act 2020 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

## Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “use”, the following definition:

““variant”, in relation to a geographical indication, means a variant of the indication constituting the geographical indication, and includes any translation, transliteration or other variation of the indication;”;

(b) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) There may be 2 or more variants constituting the same geographical indication.

(3) A geographical indication, and each variant constituting the geographical indication (if any), may contain 2 or more words.”.

## Amendment of section 39

3. Section 39 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) If a person desires to register any variant constituting a geographical indication and the geographical indication is the subject of an application for registration, the person may include that variant either in that application, or in a different application for registration.”.

### **Amendment of section 41**

4. Section 41 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (7), the following subsection:

“(7A) To avoid doubt —

- (a) a reference to a geographical indication in this section includes a variant constituting a geographical indication; and 5
- (b) a refusal of registration under this section of any variant constituting a geographical indication does not prevent the registration of any other variant constituting the geographical indication, if that other variant satisfies the requirements of this Act.”. 10

### **Amendment of section 46**

5. Section 46 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Any person may” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (3A), any person may”; 15
- (b) by deleting the words “under section 45” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “of a geographical indication under section 45 but before the registration of the geographical indication under section 48”; 20
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “request that a qualification, of” in subsection (1), the words “any of”; and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection: 25
  - “(3A) A request under subsection (1) may not be made if the request —
  - (a) is for a qualification of all the rights conferred under this Act in respect of a registered geographical indication to be entered in the register — 30