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## **No. S 436**

### **GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS ACT 2014 (ACT 19 OF 2014)**

### **GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (AMENDMENT) RULES 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 84 of the Geographical Indications Act 2014, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Geographical Indications (Amendment) Rules 2020 and come into operation on 5 June 2020.

#### **Amendment of rule 4**

2. Rule 4 of the Geographical Indications Rules 2019 (G.N. No. S 125/2019) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) Every document filed at the Registry must be filed in accordance with the requirements relating to its size, durability, legibility or format specified in any practice direction issued by the Registrar.”.

#### **Amendment of rule 5**

3. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) The Registrar may modify any form in any particular case or class of cases.”.

#### **Deletion of rule 7**

4. Rule 7 of the principal Rules is deleted.

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**Amendment of rule 9****5. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by inserting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (1)(a);
- (b) by deleting the word “; or” at the end of paragraph (1)(b) and substituting a full-stop;
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1);
- (d) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) Where the Act or these Rules authorise or require a party to give or send a document to, or serve a document on, another party (other than the Registrar), the giving, sending or service may be effected —

- (a) by post;
  - (b) by hand;
  - (c) by courier; or
  - (d) subject to paragraph (3B), by sending an electronic communication of the document by any electronic means.”;
- (e) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (3) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:
  - “(a) by post;
  - (b) by hand;
  - (c) by courier; or
  - (d) subject to paragraph (3B), by sending an electronic communication of the notice or other document by any electronic means.”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraphs:

“(3A) Subject to paragraph (3B), the Registrar may, in a particular case, permit the giving, sending, filing