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(Circular No. 3/2024, dated 15 August 2024)

(A) Simplified requests for examination reports relying on final results of a search established by IPOS under the Patent Co-operation Treaty

To simplify the requests for examination reports relying on the final results of a search established by IPOS under the Patent Co-operation Treaty, rule 42(1B) of the Patents Rules will be amended, with the amendment coming into operation from tomorrow (16 Aug 2024).

With the amendment, applicants will only be required to submit Patents Form 12 without having to file further documents, if they are relying on the final results of a search established by IPOS under the Patent Co-operation Treaty. It will no longer be necessary to submit the final international search results, a copy of each of the documents referred to in the final international search results (including non-patent literature) and a list of references to the patent family members corresponding to the documents.

For the avoidance of doubt, the previous procedure continues to apply to relevant requests for examination reports made before 16 Aug 2024.

The Patents (Amendment) Rules 2024 may be accessed at [Singapore Statutes Online](#).

(B) Legislative amendments to Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001

The Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001 will also be updated, with the amendments coming into operation from tomorrow (16 Aug 2024).

Of relevance is the change to rule 4 of the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001, which will be amended to clarify that the Registrar's publication of the relevant forms and directions will be on the IPOS website instead of in the journal.

The Patents (Patent Agents) (Amendment Rules) 2024 may be accessed at [Singapore Statutes Online](#).

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