

**Intellectual Property Department
Government of the Hong Kong SAR**



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Trade Marks Ordinance (Chapter 559)

The Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) (the “Ordinance”) and Trade Marks Rules (Cap. 559 subsidiary legislation) (the “Rules”) came into force on 4 April, 2003. The Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 43) and the Trade Marks Rules (Cap. 43 subsidiary legislation) are repealed on the same date.

Specified Forms

The specified forms under the Ordinance were published in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette on 28 March, 2003.

The forms can be downloaded from IPD’s website at: <http://www.info.gov.hk/ipd/>.

Fees

The fees to be paid in relation to any matter or proceeding under the Ordinance or the Rules are specified in the Schedule to the Rules.

Official Journal

With effect from 4 April, 2003, the official journal of record specified under section 73(1) of the Ordinance shall be the Hong Kong Intellectual Property Journal which will be published weekly on every Friday and notices required to be published under the Ordinance will appear in it. The notice specifying the official journal was published on 28 March, 2003. The journal can be inspected at:

<http://www.info.gov.hk/ipd/hkipjournal>

Notices will continue to be advertised in Supplement 6 of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette for trade mark applications filed and continuing under the repealed Ordinance (Cap. 43).

Notice of Business hours

The notice was published in the Hong Kong Intellectual Property Journal on 4 April, 2003.

e-Commerce

A web-based and web-driven computer system is in place in IPD to support processing applications for trade mark registration under the Ordinance. The legacy computer system of IPD will only be maintained for a limited period after the six months conversion period to handle cases under the repealed Ordinance.

Enquiries

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