

Implementation arrangements for issuance of electronic certificates of registration/grant for trade marks, patents and designs:

1. With effect from **28 June 2024**, for trade mark, patent and design applicants or their agents who are **registered e-filers**, the Trade Marks, Patents and Designs Registries (collectively “the Registries”) will start issuing electronic (instead of paper) certificates to them.¹
2. This default arrangement will cover applications published on or after a certain cut-off date as follows —
 - ♦ trade mark applications published on or after 15 March 2024;
 - ♦ patent applications published for grant on or after 28 June 2024; and
 - ♦ design applications published on or after 28 June 2024.
3. In individual cases, registered e-filers may wish to opt out of the above default arrangement and receive paper certificates instead.² If so, they must send their requests in writing to the Registries in advance and in accordance with the following notice periods-
 - (a) for trade mark applications: within six weeks from the date of notice of publication of the application in question;
 - (b) for patent applications: within two weeks from the date of notice of publication for grant of the patent in question; and
 - (c) for design applications: within two weeks from the date of notice of acceptance of the application in question.
4. **Parties who are not registered e-filers**, viz. one-time e-filers without registration and those using paper submission, will continue to receive paper certificates of registration/grant for trade marks, patents and designs. They are encouraged to become registered e-filers to benefit from the new service.

¹ Provided that their last correspondences to the Registries are by electronic means via the E-filing System.

² During the transitional period, if registered e-filers wish to opt out of receiving electronic certificates for trade mark applications published/scheduled for publication *from the cut-off date of 15 March 2024 up to 31 May 2024*, they should inform the Registries as soon as possible and in any case, no later than the expiry of the three-month opposition period.