

TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE (Chapter 559)
PATENTS ORDINANCE (Chapter 514)
REGISTERED DESIGNS ORDINANCE (Chapter 522)

NOTICE OF BUSINESS HOURS AND BUSINESS DAYS OF THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY, PATENTS REGISTRY AND DESIGNS REGISTRY

In this notice, “the Ordinances and the Rules” means collectively the Trade Marks Ordinance (Chapter 559), the Trade Marks Rules (Chapter 559 sub. leg.), the Patents Ordinance (Chapter 514), the Patents (General) Rules (Chapter 514 sub. leg.), the Patents (Transitional Arrangements) Rules (Chapter 514 sub. leg.), the Registered Designs Ordinance (Chapter 522) and the Registered Designs Rules (Chapter 522 sub. leg.)

Pursuant to:

- (i) section 89 of the Trade Marks Ordinance (Chapter 559) and rule 114 of the Trade Marks Rules (Chapter 559, sub. leg.),
- (ii) section 148 of the Patents Ordinance (Chapter 514),
- (iii) section 71 of the Registered Designs Ordinance (Chapter 522) and section 56 of the Registered Designs Rules (Chapter 522, sub. leg.),

I hereby direct that:

Electronic filing

- (a) for the purpose of the filing of an electronic record and the sending of an electronic record by electronic means in accordance with rule 109 of the Trade Marks Rules, section 93A of the Patents (General) Rules or section 60A of the Registered Designs Rules, the hours of business and business days of the Trade Marks Registry, Patents Registry and Designs Registry shall be as follows:

Monday to Sunday 24 hours¹

¹ For system service and maintenance time, see [Terms of Use](#).

Earliest filing by fax under Patents Ordinance section 15 or 23

(b) subject to paragraph (d), for the purpose of receiving by facsimile the earliest filing of :-

- (i) any part of any request to record a designated patent application under section 15 of the Patents Ordinance; and
- (ii) any part of any request for registration and grant under section 23 of the Patents Ordinance,

the following shall be the hours of business and business days of the Patents Registry:-

Monday to **Saturday** 24 hours a day

Others

(c) subject to paragraph (d), the hours of business and business days of the Trade Marks Registry, Patents Registry and Designs Registry for the purpose of the transaction by the public of all classes of business under the Ordinances and the Rules, other than any business referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) above, shall be as follows:

Monday to Friday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

(d) for the purposes of all classes of business covered by paragraphs (b) and (c) above, business days shall not include any public holiday (as defined in section 3 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1)).

Please note that for computation of time in respect of any business before the Trade Marks, Designs and Patents Registries under the Ordinances and the Rules, pursuant to section 71 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1):

- (i) if the last day of a period of days is a public holiday or a gale warning day or black rainstorm warning day, the period shall include the next following day, not being a public holiday or a gale warning day or black rainstorm warning day; and

(ii) where any act or proceeding is directed or allowed to be done or taken on a certain day, then if that day is a public holiday or a gale warning day or black rainstorm warning day, the act or proceeding shall be considered as done or taken in due time if it is done or taken on the next following day, not being a public holiday or a gale warning day or black rainstorm warning day;

"black rainstorm warning day" (黑色暴雨警告日) means any day throughout or for part of which a black rainstorm warning is in force, and

"gale warning day" (烈風警告日) means any day throughout or for part of which a gale warning is in force.

This Notice supersedes all previous Notices of Business Hours and Business Days of the Trade Marks Registry, Patents Registry and Designs Registry.

Teresa GRANT

30 September, 2004

Acting Registrar of Trade Marks, Patents and Designs