Singapore Treaty
on the Law of Trademarks

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Article 1
Abbreviated Expressions

For the purposes of this Treaty, unless expressly stated otherwise:

(i) "Office" means the agency entrusted by a Contracting Party with the registration of marks;

(ii) "registration" means the registration of a mark by an Office;

(iii) "application" means an application for registration;

(iv) "communication" means any application, or any request, declaration, correspondence or other information relating to an application or a registration, which is filed with the Office;

(v) references to a "person" shall be construed as references to both a natural person and a legal entity;

(vi) "holder" means the person whom the register of marks shows as the holder of the registration;

(vii) "register of marks" means the collection of data maintained by an Office, which includes the contents of all registrations and all data recorded in respect of all registrations, irrespective of the medium in which such data are stored;

(viii) "procedure before the Office" means any procedure in proceedings before the Office with respect to an application or a registration;

(ix) "Paris Convention" means the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, signed at Paris on March 20, 1883, as revised and amended;

(x) "Nice Classification" means the classification established by the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks, signed at Nice on June 15, 1957, as revised and amended;

(xi) "license" means a license for the use of a mark under the law of a Contracting Party;

(xii) "licensee" means the person to whom a license has been granted;

(xiii) "Contracting Party" means any State or intergovernmental organization party to this Treaty;

(xiv) "Diplomatic Conference" means the convocation of Contracting Parties for the purpose of revising or amending the Treaty;

(xv) "Assembly" means the Assembly referred to in Article 23;

(xvi) references to an "instrument of ratification" shall be construed as including references to instruments of acceptance and approval;

(xvii) "Organization" means the World Intellectual Property Organization;

(xviii) "International Bureau" means the International Bureau of the Organization;

(xix) "Director General" means the Director General of the Organization;

(xx) "Regulations" means the Regulations under this Treaty that are referred to in Article 22;

(xxi) references to an "Article" or to a "paragraph", "subparagraph" or "item" of an Article shall be construed as including references to the corresponding rule(s) under the Regulations;

(xxii) "TLT 1994" means the Trademark Law Treaty done at Geneva on October 27, 1994.