



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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OFFICE ORDER NO. 49  
Series of 2006

To further streamline the business procedures in the registration of marks, Rule 618 of the Trademark Regulations is amended as follows:

**Rule 618. Provisional Allowance.** If the only issue remaining in an application based on foreign application claiming priority right is the submission of a certified copy of the foreign or home registration, the Examiner may provisionally allow the application and suspend the submission of the certified copy of the foreign or home registration for a period not exceeding twelve (12) months counted from allowance. On request of the applicant and subject to the approval of the Director and payment of the required fee, said twelve month period may be extended for good cause by an additional period not exceeding twelve (12) months. Should the applicant fail to submit the certified copy of the foreign or home registration within the maximum period of twenty four (24) months counted from provisional allowance, the claim to priority right will be deemed waived. The application will thereafter be published for opposition upon payment of the required fees.

Mr. John Gonzales, Executive Assistant III, is directed to file three (3) certified copies of this Office Order with the University of the Philippines Law Center, and one (1) certified copy each to the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, and the National Library.

Ms. Corina L. Antonio, Information Systems Researcher I, MIS-EDP Bureau, is hereby directed to publish this Office Order in the IPO Website immediately upon receipt hereof.

This Office Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days from publication in the IPO Website. For purposes of disseminating the information, this Order may also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Done this 26 day of May 2006, in Makati City Philippines.

  
ADRIAN S. CRISTOBAL JR.  
*Director General*