



**CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

**PARALLEL IMPORTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS  
IN SINGAPORE**

**TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2018**  
**3:00PM TO 5:30PM**

**EXECUTIVE SEMINAR ROOM, LEVEL 3, BLOCK B, NUS FACULTY OF LAW (BUKIT TIMAH CAMPUS)**

**ABSTRACT**

We will look at the issue of parallel importation under the following Singapore IP regimes: copyright, patents, registered designs, plant varieties protection, trademarks and passing off.

For copyright, we will look at the background that led to the Copyright (Amendment) Act 1994, including the case of *PP v Teo Ai Nee* [1994] 1 SLR 452. For patents, we will look at how the US-Singapore FTA has had an impact on the relevant provisions in the Patents Act. For trademarks and passing off, we will look at the key cases in this area and the circumstances under which parallel imports are allowed and not allowed.

Whilst Singapore generally pro-parallel imports, there is a “balance” that takes account the competing interest of the right owner and the interests of consumers, competition and the marketplace. As will be evident from the presentation, the nuances of that “balance” for different Singapore IP regimes is different.

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**(Registration starts at 2.30pm)**

**SPEAKERS**

**Adrian Chiew, Senior Assistant Director, Ministry of Law**

Adrian Chiew is a Senior Assistant Director with the Intellectual Property Policy Division of the Ministry of Law. He was previously a legal counsel in the Legal Department of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore since 2006, where he was handling intellectual property policy and legislation drafting matters, in house contract and legal advisory, and free trade agreement related matters. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the National University of Singapore, and was awarded the Developing International Law Expertise (DILE) Scholarship by the Singapore Government in 2010 to pursue a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property from the University of Augsburg (under the Munich Intellectual Property Law Centre programme). He undertook a one-year secondment to the International Affairs Division of the Attorney General's Chambers of Singapore in 2011. Prior to joining IPOS, Adrian was an associate with the IP & Technology department of one of Singapore's leading law firms.

**Gabriel Ong, Senior Legal Counsel, IPOS**

Gabriel serves in IPOS' Hearings and Mediation Department (HMD) where he hears his share of disputes as Hearing Officer /Principal Assistant Registrar. Prior to joining IPOS, Gabriel spent five years practising in the field of IP litigation at one of the top law practices in Singapore. In that time, he had the extraordinary privilege of acting and assisting in a number of notable IP cases, including the *Nestlé v Petra Foods* trial and five appeals before the Court of Appeal: *Hai Tong v Ventree*, *Staywell v Starwood*, *Nestlé v Petra Foods*, *Formula One v Idea Marketing*, and *Audience Motivation v AMC Live*. These, and a myriad of other experiences, helped strengthen Gabriel's keen interest in the law, the practical aspects of dispute resolution, and the power of persuasive writing.

**There is no registration fee but seats are limited. Closing Date: 12 October 2018**

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