

**BELIZE:**

**TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2023**

**ARRANGEMENT OF RULES**

1. Citation.
2. Amendment of rule 2.
3. Amendment of rule 28.
4. Amendment of rule 38:01.
5. Repeal and replacement of rule 63.
6. Repeal of Schedule III.

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**STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

**No. 63 of 2023**

*RULES made by the Minister responsible for Trade Marks in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by section 71 of the Trade Marks Act, Chapter 257 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto her enabling.*

*(Gazetted 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2023)*

1. These Rules may be cited as the

Citation.

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Trade Marks Rules, which, as amended, is hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules.

S.I. 3 of 2002.  
S.I. 74 of 2002.  
S.I. 87 of 2018.

2. Rule 2 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting the following words and their corresponding definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

Amendment of  
rule 2.

““Harmonised Database” means a database containing a list of goods and services from which a user can select the term and corresponding class for which that user seeks protection in an application;

“TMclass” means a search tool and interface to the Harmonised Database from which the classification database of The Belize Intellectual Property Office can be accessed.”.

3. Rule 28 of the principal Rules is amended by repealing sub-rule (3).

Amendment of  
rule 28.

Amendment of  
rule 38:01.

4. Rule 38:01 of the principal Rules is amended in sub-rule (3) by deleting the words “one issue of the Gazette” and substituting them with the words “the Journal”.

Repeal and  
replacement of  
rule 63.

5. Rule 63 of the principal Rules is repealed and replaced with the following—

“Classification  
of goods and  
services.

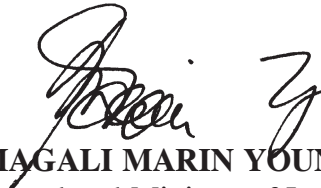
63.–(1) For the purpose of the registration of trade marks, certification marks and collective marks applications under the Act, goods and services shall be classified in accordance with the Harmonised Database in TMclass.

(2) If any doubt arises as to the class in which any particular description of goods and services belongs, the matter shall be determined by the Registrar.”.

Repeal of  
Schedule III.

6. Schedule III of the principal Rules is repealed.

**MADE** by the Minister responsible for Trade Marks this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.



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