

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AMENDMENT BILL 2018

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### Explanatory Memorandum

#### **Introduction:**

The Bill seeks to amend the Intellectual Property Act 2011 (“Principal Act”) in order to give effect to the Madrid Protocol accordingly.

#### **Clauses:**

- Clause 1:** - provides for the short title and commencement.
- Clause 2:** - amends section 2 of the Principal Act by providing new definitions in line with the Madrid Protocol.
- Clause 3:** - amends section 55 in order to provide for the registration under the Madrid Protocol. This is to recognise the international registration of trademarks as per the Madrid Protocol which will complement the amendment to section 137 of the Principal Act.
- Clause 4:** - amends section 137 to create a regulation making power to compliment the amendments to the proposed Intellectual Property Amendment Regulations 2018.

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**MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR**