

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

SUPREME COURT PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OF 2021

It is hereby notified that amendments have been made to Parts IV and VI and Appendix A of the Supreme Court Practice Directions. The amendments are summarised below:

- (1) introduction of new paragraph 37B on Summary Table for Applications for Further and Better Particulars, Discovery, Production of Documents or Interrogatories;
- (2) amendments to paragraph 56A on Giving of evidence by person outside Singapore through live video or live television link in any proceedings (other than proceedings in a criminal matter); and
- (3) introduction of new Form 5 (Form of Summary Table for Applications for Further and Better Particulars, Discovery, Production of Documents or Interrogatories) under Appendix A.

2 The amendments will take effect on 31 August 2021 and will be reflected at <https://epd.supremecourt.gov.sg/> from 31 August 2021.

3 Please find attached a document reflecting the marked-up amendments to the Practice Directions.

Dated this 24th day of August 2021.



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REGISTRAR
SUPREME COURT

Supreme Court Practice Directions (Amendment No. 6 of 2021)

Part IV: Interlocutory Applications

37B. Summary Table for Applications for Further and Better Particulars, Discovery, Production of Documents or Interrogatories

(1) Unless otherwise directed, this paragraph applies to any application made for an order under Order 18, Rule 12, Order 24, Rule 1, 5, 6, 11 or 12, Order 26, Rule 1 or Order 26A, Rule 1 of the Rules of Court, where:

- (a) more than 5 categories or sub-categories of particulars, documents or interrogatories are sought, or the parties agree that this paragraph applies to the application; and
- (b) the application is contested.

The Court may also direct that this paragraph applies to any other application.

(2) With a view to enhancing the efficacy of an oral hearing, the parties must complete the summary table in Form 5 in Appendix A of these Practice Directions (the “Summary Table”), in lieu of filing written submissions. In exceptional circumstances (e.g. where there are novel issues to be determined), the parties may seek leave of the Court to file written submissions in addition to the Summary Table.

(3) Unless otherwise directed by the Court, the parties must complete the Summary Table in the following manner:

- (a) The applicant must complete Columns A and B of the Summary Table, and serve the Summary Table on the respondent, when filing the application. The applicant may also complete Column C of the Summary Table before the applicant serves the Summary Table on the respondent under this sub-paragraph.
- (b) If the applicant did not complete Column C of the Summary Table when the

application was filed, the applicant must complete Column C of the Summary Table, and serve the Summary Table with Column C completed on the respondent, no later than 8 working days before the date of the hearing.

(c) The respondent must complete Column D of the Summary Table, and serve the Summary Table with Column D completed on the applicant, within 3 working days after receiving from the applicant the Summary Table with Column C completed.

(d) The applicant must complete Column E of the Summary Table, serve on the respondent the completed Summary Table, and file the completed Summary Table using the Electronic Filing Service as an “Other Hearing Related request”, within 3 working days after receiving from the respondent the Summary Table with Column D completed and, in any event, no later than 2 working days before the date of the hearing.

(4) Where a party wishes to adduce any evidence for the purposes of the application, or the Court grants a party leave to file written submissions in addition to the Summary Table:

(a) the Court may adjust the timelines mentioned in sub-paragraph (3); and

(b) the party must file and serve the party’s affidavit or written submissions (as the case may be) in accordance with the timelines directed by the Court.

Part VI: Evidence – Witnesses, Affidavits and Exhibits

56A. Giving of evidence by person outside Singapore through live video or live television link in any proceedings (other than proceedings in a criminal matter)

(1) Any application for leave for any person outside Singapore to give evidence by live video or live television link in any proceedings (other than proceedings in a criminal matter) must be made expeditiously and, in any case, unless the Court otherwise directs, not later than eight weeks before the date of commencement of the hearing at which the person is to give evidence. The application may also contain a prayer for the issue of a letter of request, to the relevant authorities of a foreign jurisdiction, for permission for evidence to be given by live video or live television link by a person located in that jurisdiction, if the laws of that jurisdiction require the issue of such a letter of request.

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(3) An application for the issue of a letter of request, to the relevant authorities of a foreign jurisdiction, for permission for evidence to be given by live video or live television link by a person located in that jurisdiction, if not contained in an application mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), must be made expeditiously and, in any case, unless the Court otherwise directs, not later than eight weeks before the date of commencement of the hearing at which the person is to give evidence.

~~(3)~~ (4) To avoid doubt, the proceedings mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) include all civil proceedings involving the examination of any person.

Para. 37B(2)

**Form of Summary Table
for Applications for Further and Better Particulars, Discovery, Production of Documents or Interrogatories**

Case number					
Case Title					
Application for		Further & Better Particulars / Discovery / Production of Documents / Interrogatories (<i>Delete as appropriate</i>)			
S/N	A	B	C	D	E
	Category / Request	Issue / reference to pleading / affidavit*	Applicant's submissions**	Respondent's submissions***	Applicant's submissions in reply to respondent's submissions
1.	(E.g. Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors on 2 Jan 2021)	(E.g. Relevancy, Privilege) (E.g. paragraphs 13 to 15 of the Defence / paragraphs 3 to 6 and page 32 of the affidavit of X dated dd/mm/yy)			
2.					
3.					

* Reference to the specific paragraph and/or page of a pleading or affidavit should be stated. Parties are to categorise the requests and confer on points of agreement.

** The applicant is to state the applicant's submissions.

***The respondent is to state the respondent's submissions. Where the respondent agrees to the request, the respondent may state so in this column.