

IN THE STATE COURTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

REGISTRAR'S CIRCULAR NO. 5 OF 2021

**FURTHER EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAMMES FOR ASYNCHRONOUS
HEARINGS IMPLEMENTED UNDER REGISTRAR'S CIRCULARS NOS 11, 12
AND 13 OF 2020**

1. Registrar's Circulars Nos. 11 and 13 of 2020 introduced, with effect from 8 June 2020 and 13 July 2020 respectively, the dispensation of attendance of counsel and/or parties at specified civil hearings and the asynchronous processing and hearing of various categories of civil interlocutory matters.
2. Registrar's Circular No. 12 of 2020 introduced, with effect from 8 June 2020 and in relation to applications made under the Protection from Harassment Act (Cap 256A, 2015 Rev Ed), the dispensation of attendance of counsel and/or parties at specified hearings and the asynchronous processing and hearing of *ex parte* Summonses.
3. As part of the continuing efforts to streamline proceedings and reduce physical hearings:
 - (i) the pilot programmes implemented via Registrar's Circular No. 11 of 2020 and extended by Registrar's Circular No. 18 of 2020 will be further extended from 10 June 2021 to 10 December 2021 (both dates included);
 - (ii) the pilot programmes implemented via Registrar's Circular No. 12 of 2020 and extended by Registrar's Circular No. 19 of 2020 will be further extended from 10 June 2021 to 10 December 2021 (both dates included); and
 - (iii) the pilot programmes implemented via Registrar's Circular No. 13 of 2020 and extended by Registrar's Circular No. 18 of 2020 will be further extended from 15 July 2021 to 15 January 2022 (both dates included).

Dated this 25th day of May 2021.



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