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Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

1. Committee to draft a law on foreign and international organisations

With Notification (Minister's Office) 178/2023 dated 24 March 2023, published in the Myanmar Gazette on 12 May 2023 ([English translation](#)), the SAC's Ministry of Home Affairs set up a committee to draft a law on foreign and international organisations in order "to prevent and restrain agents under foreign influence from being contacted by foreign states and interfering in various fields such as politics, security, economy and culture in the Union".

The committee is led by members of the Myanmar Police Force under the SAC. It shall study and analyse the legal frameworks in other states and ASEAN states and develop a law "that suits the situation in the Union".

If issued, this law will come in addition to the Registration of Associations Law that the SAC issued in October last year. Singapore's recent Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Act and similar legislation in other countries might have given the SAC the idea.

Currently, nothing more is known apart from the fact that the committee has been set up, but this is clearly a space to watch for future developments.

2. New trademark deadlines

In an announcement dated 16 May 2023 ([English translation](#)), the Intellectual Property Department

- extended the deadline from 31 May to 30 June 2023 for paying the application fee and submitting form TM-2 for trademarks for which applications for re-registration were filed before 3 April 2023; and
- explicitly stated that applications for re-registration may be filed "within the next 6 months from 26 April 2023" (as provided for in rule 12 Trademark Registration Rules).

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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