

**Subcommittee on Patents (General) (Amendment) Rules 2019**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion  
at the meeting on 2 April 2019**

Given that the general public might regard a "provisional refusal notice" issued by the Registrar of Patents under the new section 31ZH of the Patents (General) Rules (Cap. 514C) (as added by section 19 of the Patents (General) (Amendment) Rules 2019 (L.N. 35 of 2019)) as a refusal for the purposes of section 143(1)(b) of the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514) ("the Ordinance") (as amended by the Patents (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (Ord. No. 17 of 2016)), the Administration was requested to consider whether to amend the relevant provision(s) so as to better reflect its policy intent regarding whether section 143(1)(b) of the Ordinance applies to a recipient of that notice.

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