

BELIZE:

TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new section 16A.

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BELIZE:**BILL****for**

AN ACT to amend the Trade Marks Act, Chapter 257 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the Registrar to delegate certain functions to the Deputy Registrar of Intellectual Property; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted2021).

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the

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CAP. 257.

and shall be read and construed as one with the Trade Marks Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Insertion of new section 16A.

- 2.** The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 16 the following as section 16A–

“Power to hear opposition.

16A.–(1) A notice of opposition filed under section 16(2) shall be heard by the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar may, by direction in writing, delegate to the Deputy Registrar, the exercise or performance of any power or function conferred upon the Registrar under sub-section (1).

(3) A delegation under sub-section (2) is revocable by the Registrar and the delegation of the exercise of a power or the performance of a function shall not preclude its exercise or performance by the Registrar.

(3) The provisions of this Act shall apply in relation to a power or a function delegated under this section as they would apply where the power or function is exercised or performed by the Registrar.”.