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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT TRADE MARKS RULES IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**

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THORNTON SMITH welcomes the recent release by the Financial Services Commission of the exposure draft of the Trade Marks Rules (the "**Draft Rules**"), published on 10 April 2014 in anticipation of the coming into force of the Trade Marks Act, 2013. The Draft Rules outlines significant procedural changes for the British Virgin Islands, including the electronic filing of applications and the process for licensing trade mark agents in the British Virgin Islands. You can view our Alert No. 3 of 2013 "**New Trade Marks Act Passed in the British Virgin Islands**" for information about the Trade Marks Act, 2013.

The deadline for the completion of the consultation process is 30 April 2014 during which time THORNTON SMITH will actively engage the Financial Services Commission to ensure the best possible outcome. A copy of the Draft Rules is available on our website. For further information or guidance on the Draft Rules please contact Mr. Jamal S. Smith at [jamal.smith@thorntonsmith.com](mailto:jamal.smith@thorntonsmith.com).

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