

Feedback Exercise: Views on *Emotional Perception AI Limited (Appellant) v Comptroller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (Respondent)* [2026] UKSC 3

Introduction

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in *Emotional Perception AI Limited (Appellant) v Comptroller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (Respondent)* [2026] UKSC 3 (“*Emotional Perception*”) raises noteworthy issues relating to patentable subject matter and inventive step that may be relevant to the development of patent practice in Singapore, among other considerations. In particular, the Supreme Court held that inventions involving artificial neural networks (ANNs) may be patentable, provided that they demonstrate a technical character. The decision has also been understood as marking a departure from the traditional *Aerotel* approach¹ in the United Kingdom, with closer alignment to the “any hardware” approach of the European Patent Office (EPO).

We invite IP practitioners to share your insights and perspectives on the relevance and potential impact of the decision to Singapore’s patent system. Your feedback is important and will help inform future discussions and policy considerations.

Feedback Questions

1. Do you think *Emotional Perception* is relevant to the development of patent practice in Singapore? If so, which aspects of the decision are most pertinent in informing or influencing the practice in Singapore?
2. To what extent does *Emotional Perception* provide clarity and certainty regarding the approach to patentable subject matter and its interaction with the assessment of inventive step? Please elaborate.
3. What issues or challenges could arise for (a) patent applicants and (b) patent practitioners from the approach set out in *Emotional Perception*, and how may these be addressed?

Submission Guidelines

- The period for submission of feedback is from **17 April 2026 to 14 May 2026**. Please note that submissions received after 14 May 2026 may not be considered.
- Please provide your feedback via FormSG [here](#).
- In your submission, please indicate your name, email address, the name of your organisation and your designation in the organisation (if applicable), so that we may contact you for any clarifications or follow-up questions if necessary.
- Should you have any queries regarding this feedback exercise, please contact us at IPOS_Consultation@ipos.gov.sg.

¹ *Aerotel Ltd v Telco Holdings Ltd* [2006] EWCA Civ 1371; [2007] RPC 7.



- You may request confidentiality for any part of the submission that is believed to be proprietary, confidential or commercially sensitive.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing your views.

