

Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of April 14, 1891, as revised at Brussels on December 14, 1900, at Washington on June 2, 1911, at The Hague on November 6, 1925, at London on June 2, 1934, at Nice on June 15, 1957, and at Stockholm on July 14, 1967

Article 1 - [Establishment of a Special Union. Filing of Marks at International Bureau. Definition of Country of Origin]

(1) The countries to which this Agreement applies constitute a Special Union for the international registration of marks.

(2) Nationals of any of the contracting countries may, in all the other countries party to this Agreement, secure protection for their marks applicable to goods or services, registered in the country of origin, by filing the said marks at the International Bureau of Intellectual Property (hereinafter designated as "the International Bureau") referred to in the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter designated as "the Organization"), through the intermediary of the Office of the said country of origin.

(3) Shall be considered the country of origin the country of the Special Union where the applicant has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment; if he has no such establishment in a country of the Special Union, the country of the Special Union where he has his domicile; if he has no domicile within the Special Union but is a national of a country of the Special Union, the country of which he is a national.

Article 2 - [Reference to Article 3 of Paris Convention (Same Treatment for Certain Categories of Persons as for Nationals of Countries of the Union)]

Nationals of countries not having acceded to this Agreement who, within the territory of the Special Union constituted by the said Agreement, satisfy the conditions specified in Article 3 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property shall be treated in the same manner as nationals of the contracting countries.

Article 3 - [Contents of Application for International Registration]

(1) Every application for international registration must be presented on the form prescribed by the Regulations; the Office of the country of origin of the mark shall certify that the particulars appearing in such application correspond to the particulars in the national register, and shall mention the dates and numbers of the filing and registration of the mark in the country of origin and also the date of the application for international registration.

(2) The applicant must indicate the goods or services in respect of which protection of the mark is claimed and also, if possible, the corresponding class or classes according to the classification established by the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks. If the applicant does not give such indication, the International Bureau shall classify the goods or services in the appropriate classes of the said Classification. The indication of classes given by the applicant shall be subject to control by the International Bureau, which shall exercise the said control in association with the national Office. In the event of disagreement between the national Office and the International Bureau, the opinion of the latter shall prevail.

(3) If the applicant claims color as a distinctive feature of his mark, he shall be required: 1. to state the fact, and to file with his application a notice specifying the color or the combination of colors claimed; 2. to append to his application copies in color of the said mark, which shall be attached to the notification given by the International Bureau. The number of such copies shall be fixed by the Regulations.

(4) The International Bureau shall register immediately the marks filed in accordance with Article 1. The registration shall bear the date of the application for international registration in the country of origin, provided that the application has been received by the International Bureau within a period of two months from that date. If the application has not been received within that period, the International Bureau shall record it as at the date on which it received the said application. The International Bureau shall notify such registration without delay to the Offices concerned. Registered marks shall be

published in a periodical journal issued by the International Bureau, on the basis of the particulars contained in the application for registration. In the case of marks comprising a figurative element of a special form of writing, the Regulations shall determine whether a printing block must be supplied by the applicant.

(5) With a view to the publicity to be given in the contracting countries to registered marks, each Office shall receive from the International Bureau a number of copies of the said publication free of charge and a number of copies at a reduced price, in proportion to the number of units mentioned in Article 16(4)(a) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, under the conditions fixed by the Regulations. Such publicity shall be deemed in all the contracting countries to be sufficient, and no other publicity may be required of the applicant.

Article 3bis - [Territorial Limitation]

(1) Any contracting country may, at any time, notify the Director General of the Organization (hereinafter designated as "the Director General") in writing that the protection resulting from the international registration shall extend to that country only at the express request of the proprietor of the mark.

(2) Such notification shall not take effect until six months after the date of the communication thereof by the Director General to the other contracting countries.

Article 3ter - [Request for (Territorial Extension)]

(1) Any request for extension of the protection resulting from the international registration to a country which has availed itself of the right provided for in Article 3bis must be specially mentioned in the application referred to in Article 3(1).

(2) Any request for territorial extension made subsequently to the international registration must be presented through the intermediary of the Office of the country of origin on a form prescribed by the Regulations. It shall be immediately registered by the International Bureau, which shall notify it

without delay to the Office or Offices concerned. It shall be published in the periodical journal issued by the International Bureau. Such territorial extension shall be effective from the date on which it has been recorded in the International Register; it shall cease to be valid on the expiration of the international registration of the mark to which it relates.

Article 4 - [Effects of International Registration]

(1) From the date of the registration so effected at the International Bureau in accordance with the provisions of Articles 3 and 3ter, the protection of the mark in each of the contracting countries concerned shall be the same as if the mark had been filed therein direct. The indication of classes of goods or services provided for in Article 3 shall not bind the contracting countries with regard to the determination of the scope of the protection of the mark.

(2) Every mark which has been the subject of an international registration shall enjoy the right of priority provided for by Article 4 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, without requiring compliance with the formalities prescribed in Section (4)D of that Article.

Article 4bis - [Substitution of International Registration for Earlier National Registrations]

(1) When a mark already filed in one or more of the contracting countries is later registered by the International Bureau in the name of the same proprietor or his successor in title, the international registration shall be deemed to have replaced the earlier national registrations, without prejudice to any rights acquired by reason of such earlier registrations.

(2) The national Office shall, upon request, be required to take note in its registers of the international registration.

Article 5 - [Refusal by National Offices]

(1) In countries where the legislation so authorizes, Offices notified by the International Bureau of the registration of a mark or of a request for extension

of protection made in accordance with Article 3ter shall have the right to declare that protection cannot be granted to such mark in their territory. Any such refusal can be based only on the grounds which would apply, under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, in the case of a mark filed for national registration. However, protection may not be refused, even partially, by reason only that national legislation would not permit registration except in a limited number of classes or for a limited number of goods or services.

(2) Offices wishing to exercise such right must give notice of their refusal to the International Bureau, together with a statement of all grounds, within the period prescribed by their domestic law and, at the latest, before the expiration of one year from the date of the international registration of the mark or of the request for extension of protection made in accordance with Article 3ter.

(3) The International Bureau shall, without delay, transmit to the Office of the country of origin and to the proprietor of the mark, or to his agent if an agent has been mentioned to the Bureau by the said Office, one of the copies of the declaration of refusal so notified. The interested party shall have the same remedies as if the mark had been filed by him direct in the country where protection is refused.

(4) The grounds for refusing a mark shall be communicated by the International Bureau to any interested party who may so request.

(5) Offices which, within the aforesaid maximum period of one year, have not communicated to the International Bureau any provisional or final decision of refusal with regard to the registration of a mark or a request for extension of protection shall lose the benefit of the right provided for in paragraph (1) of this Article with respect to the mark in question.

(6) Invalidation of an international mark may not be pronounced by the competent authorities without the proprietor of the mark having, in good time, been afforded the opportunity of defending his rights. Invalidation shall be notified to the International Bureau.

Article 5bis - [Documentary Evidence of Legitimacy of Use of Certain Elements of Mark]

Documentary evidence of the legitimacy of the use of certain elements incorporated in a mark, such as armorial bearings, escutcheons, portraits, honorary distinctions, titles, trade names, names of persons other than the name of the applicant, or other like inscriptions, which might be required by the Offices of the contracting countries shall be exempt from any legalization or certification other than that of the Office of the country of origin.

Article 5ter - [Copies of Entries in International Register. Searches for Anticipation. Extracts from International Register]

(1) The International Bureau shall issue to any person applying therefor, subject to a fee fixed by the Regulations, a copy of the entries in the Register relating to a specific mark.

(2) The International Bureau may also, upon payment, undertake searches for anticipation among international marks.

(3) Extracts from the International Register requested with a view to their production in one of the contracting countries shall be exempt from all legalization.

Article 6 - [Period of Validity of International Registration. Independence of International Registration. Termination of Protection in Country of Origin]

(1) Registration of a mark at the International Bureau is effected for twenty years, with the possibility of renewal under the conditions specified in Article 7.

(2) Upon expiration of a period of five years from the date of the international registration, such registration shall become independent of the national mark registered earlier in the country of origin, subject to the following provisions.

(3) The protection resulting from the international registration, whether or not it has been the subject of a transfer, may no longer be invoked, in whole or in

part, if, within five years from the date of the international registration, the national mark, registered earlier in the country of origin in accordance with Article 1, no longer enjoys, in whole or in part, legal protection in that country. This provision shall also apply when legal protection has later ceased as the result of an action begun before the expiration of the period of five years.

(4) In the case of voluntary or ex officio cancellation, the Office of the country of origin shall request the cancellation of the mark at the International Bureau, and the latter shall effect the cancellation. In the case of judicial action, the said Office shall send to the International Bureau, ex officio or at the request of the plaintiff, a copy of the complaint or any other documentary evidence that an action has begun, and also of the final decision of the court; the Bureau shall enter notice thereof in the International Register.

Article 7 - [Renewal of International Registration]

(1) Any registration may be renewed for a period of twenty years from the expiration of the preceding period, by payment only of the basic fee and, where necessary, of the supplementary and complementary fees provided for in Article 8(2).

(2) Renewal may not include any change in relation to the previous registration in its latest form.

(3) The first renewal effected under the provisions of the Nice Act of June 15, 1957, or of this Act, shall include an indication of the classes of the International Classification to which the registration relates.

(4) Six months before the expiration of the term of protection, the International Bureau shall, by sending an unofficial notice, remind the proprietor of the mark and his agent of the exact date of expiration.

(5) Subject to the payment of a surcharge fixed by the Regulations, a period of grace of six months shall be granted for renewal of the international registration.

Article 8 - [National Fee. International Fee. Division of Excess Receipts, Supplementary Fees, and Complementary Fees]

(1) The Office of the country of origin may fix, at its own discretion, and collect, for its own benefit, a national fee which it may require from the proprietor of the mark in respect of which international registration or renewal is applied for.

(2) Registration of a mark at the International Bureau shall be subject to the advance payment of an international fee which shall include:

(a) a basic fee;

(b) a supplementary fee for each class of the International Classification, beyond three, into which the goods or services to which the mark is applied will fall;

(c) a complementary fee for any request for extension of protection under Article 3ter.

(3) However, the supplementary fee specified in paragraph (2)(b) may, without prejudice to the date of registration, be paid within a period fixed by the Regulations if the number of classes of goods or services has been fixed or disputed by the International Bureau. If, upon expiration of the said period, the supplementary fee has not been paid or the list of goods or services has not been reduced to the required extent by the applicant, the application for international registration shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

(4) The annual returns from the various receipts from international registration, with the exception of those provided for under paragraph (2)(b) and (2)(c), shall be divided equally among the countries party to this Act by the International Bureau, after deduction of the expenses and charges necessitated by the implementation of the said Act. If, at the time this Act enters into force, a country has not yet ratified or acceded to the said Act, it shall be entitled, until the date on which its ratification or accession becomes effective, to a share of the excess receipts calculated on the basis of that earlier Act which is applicable to it.

(5) The amounts derived from the supplementary fees provided for in paragraph (2)(b) shall be divided at the expiration of each year among the countries party to this Act or to the Nice Act of June 15, 1957, in proportion to the number of marks for which protection has been applied for in each of them during that year, this number being multiplied in the case of countries which

make a preliminary examination, by a coefficient which shall be determined by the Regulations. If, at the time this Act enters into force, a country has not yet ratified or acceded to the said Act, it shall be entitled, until the date on which its ratification or accession becomes effective, to a share of the amounts calculated on the basis of the Nice Act.

(6) The amounts derived from the complementary fees provided for in paragraph (2)(c) shall be divided according to the requirements of paragraph (5) among the countries availing themselves of the right provided for in Article 3bis. If, at the time this Act enters into force, a country has not yet ratified or acceded to the said Act, it shall be entitled, until the date on which its ratification or accession becomes effective, to a share of the amounts calculated on the basis of the Nice Act.

Article 8bis - [Renunciation in Respect of One or More Countries]

The person in whose name the international registration stands may at any time renounce protection in one or more of the contracting countries by means of a declaration filed with the Office of his own country, for communication to the International Bureau, which shall notify accordingly the countries in respect of which renunciation has been made. Renunciation shall not be subject to any fee.

Article 9 - [Changes in National Registers also Affecting International Registration. Reduction of List of Goods and Services Mentioned in International Registration. Additions to that List. Substitutions in that List]

(1) The Office of the country of the person in whose name the international registration stands shall likewise notify the International Bureau of all annulments, cancellations, renunciations, transfers, and other changes made in the entry of the mark in the national register, if such changes also effect the international registration.

(2) The Bureau shall record those changes in the International Register, shall notify them in turn to the Offices of the contracting countries, and shall publish them in its journal.

(3) A similar procedure shall be followed when the person in whose name the international registration stands requests a reduction of the list of goods or services to which the registration applies.

(4) Such transactions may be subject to a fee, which shall be fixed by the Regulations.

(5) The subsequent addition of new goods or services to the said list can be obtained only by filing a new application as prescribed in Article 3.

(6) The substitution of one of the goods or services for another shall be treated as an addition.

Article 9bis - [Transfer of International Mark Entailing Change in Country of Proprietor]

(1) When a mark registered in the International Register is transferred to a person established in a contracting country other than the country of the person in whose name the international registration stands, the transfer shall be notified to the International Bureau by the Office of the latter country. The International Bureau shall record the transfer, shall notify the other Offices thereof, and shall publish it in its journal. If the transfer has been effected before the expiration of a period of five years from the international registration, the International Bureau shall seek the consent of the Office of the country of the new proprietor, and shall publish, if possible, the date and registration number of the mark in the country of the new proprietor.

(2) No transfer of a mark registered in the International Register for the benefit of a person who is not entitled to file an international mark shall be recorded.

(3) When it has not been possible to record a transfer in the International Register, either because the country of the new proprietor has refused its consent or because the said transfer has been made for the benefit of a person who is not entitled to apply for international registration, the Office of

the country of the former proprietor shall have the right to demand that the International Bureau cancel the mark in its Register.

Article 9ter - [Assignment of International Mark for Part Only of Registered Goods or Services or for Certain Contracting Countries. Reference to Article 6quater of Paris Convention (Assignment of Mark)]

(1) If the assignment of an international mark for part only of the registered goods or services is notified to the International Bureau, the Bureau shall record it in its Register. Each of the contracting countries shall have the right to refuse to recognize the validity of such assignment if the goods or services included in the part so assigned are similar to those in respect of which the mark remains registered for the benefit of the assignor.

(2) The International Bureau shall likewise record the assignment of an international mark in respect of one or several of the contracting countries only.

(3) If, in the above cases, a change occurs in the country of the proprietor, the Office of the country to which the new proprietor belongs shall, if the international mark has been transferred before the expiration of a period of five years from the international registration, give its consent as required by Article 9bis.

(4) The provisions of the foregoing paragraphs shall apply subject to Article 6quater of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

Article 9quater - [Common Office for Several Contracting Countries. Request by Several Contracting Countries to be Treated as a Single Country]

(1) If several countries of the Special Union agree to effect the unification of their domestic legislations on marks, they may notify the Director General:

(a) that a common Office shall be substituted for the national Office of each of them, and

(b) that the whole of their respective territories shall be deemed to be a single country for the purposes of the application of all or part of the provisions preceding this Article.

(2) Such notification shall not take effect until six months after the date of the communication thereof by the Director General to the other contracting countries.

Article 10 - [Assembly of the Special Union]

(1)

(a) The Special Union shall have an Assembly consisting of those countries which have ratified or acceded to this Act.

(b) The Government of each country shall be represented by one delegate, who may be assisted by alternate delegates, advisors, and experts.

(c) The expenses of each delegation shall be borne by the Government which has appointed it, except for the travel expenses and the subsistence allowance of one delegate for each member country, which shall be paid from funds of the Special Union.

(2)

(a) The Assembly shall:

(i) deal with all matters concerning the maintenance and development of the Special Union and the implementation of this Agreement;

(ii) give directions to the International Bureau concerning the preparation for conferences of revision, due account being taken of any comments made by those countries of the Special Union which have not ratified or acceded to this Act;

(iii) modify the Regulations, including the fixation of the amounts of the fees referred to in Article 8(2) and other fees relating to international registration;

(iv) review and approve the reports and activities of the Director General concerning the Special Union, and give him all necessary instructions concerning matters within the competence of the Special Union;

(v) determine the program and adopt the biennial budget of the Special Union, and approve its final accounts;

- (vi) adopt the financial regulations of the Special Union;
- (vii) establish such committees of experts and working groups as it may deem necessary to achieve the objectives of the Special Union;
- (viii) determine which countries not members of the Special Union and which intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations shall be admitted to its meetings as observers;
- (ix) adopt amendments to Articles 10 to 13;
- (x) take any other appropriate action designed to further the objectives of the Special Union;
- (xi) perform such other functions as are appropriate under this Agreement.

(b) With respect to matters which are of interest also to other Unions administered by the Organization, the Assembly shall make its decisions after having heard the advice of the Co-ordination Committee of the Organization.

(3)

(a) Each country member of the Assembly shall have one vote.

(b) One half of the countries members of the Assembly shall constitute a quorum.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (b), if, in any session, the number of countries represented is less than one half but equal to or more than one third of the countries members of the Assembly, the Assembly may make decisions but, with the exception of decisions concerning its own procedure, all such decisions shall take effect only if the conditions set forth hereinafter are fulfilled. The International Bureau shall communicate the said decisions to the countries members of the Assembly which were not represented and shall invite them to express in writing their vote or abstention within a period of three months from the date of the communication. If, at the expiration of this period, the number of countries having thus expressed their vote or abstention attains the number of countries which was lacking for attaining the quorum in the session itself, such decisions shall take effect provided that at the same time the required majority still obtains.

(d) Subject to the provisions of Article 13(2), the decisions of the Assembly shall require two thirds of the votes cast.

(e) Abstentions shall not be considered as votes.

- (f) A delegate may represent, and vote in the name of, one country only.
 - (g) Countries of the Special Union not members of the Assembly shall be admitted to the meetings of the latter as observers.
- (4)
- (a) The Assembly shall meet once in every second calendar year in ordinary session upon convocation by the Director General and, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, during the same period and at the same place as the General Assembly of the Organization.
 - (b) The Assembly shall meet in extraordinary session upon convocation by the Director General, at the request of one fourth of the countries members of the Assembly.
 - (c) The agenda of each session shall be prepared by the Director General.
- (5) The Assembly shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 11 - [International Bureau]

- (1)
- (a) International registration and related duties, as well as all other administrative tasks concerning the Special Union, shall be performed by the International Bureau.
 - (b) In particular, the International Bureau shall prepare the meetings and provide the secretariat of the Assembly and of such committees of experts and working groups as may have been established by the Assembly.
 - (c) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Special Union and shall represent the Special Union.
- (2) The Director General and any staff member designated by him shall participate, without the right to vote, in all meetings of the Assembly and of such committees of experts or working groups as may have been established by the Assembly. The Director General, or a staff member designated by him, shall be ex officio secretary of those bodies.
- (3)

(a) The International Bureau shall, in accordance with the directions of the Assembly, make the preparations for the conferences of revision of the provisions of the Agreement other than Articles 10 to 13.

(b) The International Bureau may consult with intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations concerning preparations for conferences of revision.

(c) The Director General and persons designated by him shall take part, without the right to vote, in the discussions at those conferences.

(4) The International Bureau shall carry out any other tasks assigned to it.

Article 12 - [Finances]

(1)

(a) The Special Union shall have a budget.

(b) The budget of the Special Union shall include the income and expenses proper to the Special Union, its contribution to the budget of expenses common to the Unions, and, where applicable, the sum made available to the budget of the Conference of the Organization.

(c) Expenses not attributable exclusively to the Special Union but also to one or more other Unions administered by the Organization shall be considered as expenses common to the Unions. The share of the Special Union in such common expenses shall be in proportion to the interest the Special Union has in them.

(2) The budget of the Special Union shall be established with due regard to the requirements of co-ordination with the budgets of the other Unions administered by the Organization.

(3) The budget of the Special Union shall be financed from the following sources:

(i) international registration fees and other fees and charges due for other services rendered by the International Bureau in relation to the Special Union;

(ii) sale of, or royalties on, the publications of the International Bureau concerning the Special Union;

(iii) gifts, bequests, and subventions;

(iv) rents, interests, and other miscellaneous income.

(4)

(a) The amounts of the fees referred to in Article 8(2) and other fees relating to international registration shall be fixed by the Assembly on the proposal of the Director General.

(b) The amounts of such fees shall be so fixed that the revenues of the Special Union from fees, other than the supplementary and complementary fees referred to in Article 8(2)(b) and 8(2)(c), and other sources shall be at least sufficient to cover the expenses of the International Bureau concerning the Special Union.

(c) If the budget is not adopted before the beginning of a new financial period, it shall be at the same level as the budget of the previous year, as provided in the financial regulations.

(5) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4)(a), the amount of fees and charges due for other services rendered by the International Bureau in relation to the Special Union shall be established, and shall be reported to the Assembly, by the Director General.

(6)

(a) The Special Union shall have a working capital fund which shall be constituted by a single payment made by each country of the Special Union. If the fund becomes insufficient, the Assembly shall decide to increase it.

(b) The amount of the initial payment of each country to the said fund or of its participation in the increase thereof shall be a proportion of the contribution of that country as a member of the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property to the budget of the said Union for the year in which the fund is established or the decision to increase it is made.

(c) The proportion and the terms of payment shall be fixed by the Assembly on the proposal of the Director General and after it has heard the advice of the Co-ordination Committee of the Organization.

(d) As long as the Assembly authorizes the use of the reserve fund of the Special Union as a working capital fund, the Assembly may suspend the application of the provisions of subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c).

(7)

(a) In the headquarters agreement concluded with the country on the territory of which the Organization has its headquarters, it shall be provided that, whenever the working capital fund is insufficient, such country shall grant advances. The amount of those advances and the conditions on which they are granted shall be the subject of separate agreements, in each case, between such country and the Organization.

(b) The country referred to in subparagraph (a) and the Organization shall each have the right to denounce the obligation to grant advances, by written notification. Denunciation shall take effect three years after the end of the year in which it has been notified.

(8) The auditing of the accounts shall be effected by one or more of the countries of the Special Union or by external auditors, as provided in the financial regulations. They shall be designated, with their agreement, by the Assembly.

Article 13 - [Amendment of Articles 10 to 13]

(1) Proposals for the amendment of Articles 10, 11, 12, and the present Article, may be initiated by any country member of the Assembly, or by the Director General. Such proposals shall be communicated by the Director General to the member countries of the Assembly at least six months in advance of their consideration by the Assembly.

(2) Amendments to the Articles referred to in paragraph (1) shall be adopted by the Assembly. Adoption shall require three fourths of the votes cast, provided that any amendment to Article 10, and to the present paragraph, shall require four fifths of the votes cast.

(3) Any amendments to the Articles referred to in paragraph (1) shall enter into force one month after written notifications of acceptance, effected in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, have been received by the Director General from three fourths of the countries members of the Assembly at the time it adopted the amendment. Any amendment to the said Articles thus accepted shall bind all the countries which are members of the

Assembly at the time the amendment enters into force, or which become members thereof at a subsequent date.

Article 14 - [Ratification and Accession. Entry into Force. Accession to Earlier Acts. Reference to Article 24 of Paris Convention (Territories)]

(1) Any country of the Special Union which has signed this Act may ratify it, and, if it has not signed it, may accede to it.

(2)

(a) Any country outside the Special Union which is party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property may accede to this Act and thereby become a member of the Special Union.

(b) As soon as the International Bureau is informed that such a country has acceded to this Act, it shall address to the Office of that country, in accordance with Article 3, a collective notification of the marks which, at that time, enjoy international protection.

(c) Such notification shall, of itself, ensure to the said marks the benefits of the foregoing provisions in the territory of the said country, and shall mark the commencement of the period of one year during which the Office concerned may make the declaration provided for in Article 5.

(d) However, any such country may, in acceding to this Act, declare that, except in the case of international marks which have already been the subject in that country of an earlier identical national registration still in force, and which shall be immediately recognized upon the request of the interested parties, application of this Act shall be limited to marks registered from the date on which its accession enters into force.

(e) Such declaration shall dispense the International Bureau from making the collective notification referred to above. The International Bureau shall notify only those marks in respect of which it receives, within a period of one year from the accession of the new country, a request, with the necessary particulars, to take advantage of the exception provided for in subparagraph (d).

(f) The International Bureau shall not make the collective notification to such countries as declare, in acceding to this Act, that they are availing themselves of the right provided for in Article 3bis. The said countries may also declare at the same time that the application of this Act shall be limited to marks registered from the day on which their accessions enter into force; however, such limitation shall not affect international marks which have already been the subject of an earlier identical national registration in those countries, and which could give rise to requests for extension of protection made and notified in accordance with Articles 3ter and 8(2)(c).

(g) Registrations of marks which have been the subject of one of the notifications provided for in this paragraph shall be regarded as replacing registrations effected direct in the new contracting country before the date of entry into force of its accession.

(3) Instruments of ratification and accession shall be deposited with the Director General.

(4)

(a) With respect to the first five countries which have deposited their instruments of ratification or accession, this Act shall enter into force three months after the deposit of the fifth such instrument.

(b) With respect to any other country, this Act shall enter into force three months after the date on which its ratification or accession has been notified by the Director General, unless a subsequent date has been indicated in the instrument of ratification or accession. In the latter case, this Act shall enter into force with respect to that country on the date thus indicated.

(5) Ratification or accession shall automatically entail acceptance of all the clauses and admission to all the advantages of this Act.

(6) After the entry into force of this Act, a country may accede to the Nice Act of June 15, 1957, only in conjunction with ratification of, or accession to, this Act. Accession to Acts earlier than the Nice Act shall not be permitted, not even in conjunction with ratification of, or accession to, this Act.

(7) The provisions of Article 24 of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property shall apply to this Agreement.

Article 15 - [Denunciation]

- (1) This Agreement shall remain in force without limitation as to time.
- (2) Any country may denounce this Act by notification addressed to the Director General. Such denunciation shall constitute also denunciation of all earlier Acts and shall affect only the country making it, the Agreement remaining in full force and effect as regards the other countries of the Special Union.
- (3) Denunciation shall take effect one year after the day on which the Director General has received the notification.
- (4) The right of denunciation provided for by this Article shall not be exercised by any country before the expiration of five years from the date upon which it becomes a member of the Special Union.
- (5) International marks registered up to the date on which denunciation becomes effective, and not refused within the period of one year provided for in Article 5, shall continue, throughout the period of international protection, to enjoy the same protection as if they had been filed direct in the denouncing country.

Article 16 - [Application of Earlier Acts]

- (1)
 - (a) This Act shall, as regards the relations between the countries of the Special Union by which it has been ratified or acceded to, replace, as from the day on which it enters into force with respect to them, the Madrid Agreement of 1891, in its texts earlier than this Act.
 - (b) However, any country of the Special Union which has ratified or acceded to this Act shall remain bound by the earlier texts which it has not previously denounced by virtue of Article 12(4) of the Nice Act of June 15, 1957, as regards its relations with countries which have not ratified or acceded to this Act.
- (2) Countries outside the Special Union which become party to this Act shall apply it to international registrations effected at the International Bureau through the intermediary of the national Office of any country of the Special

Union not party to this Act, provided that such registrations satisfy, with respect to the said countries, the requirements of this Act. With regard to international registrations effected at the International Bureau through the intermediary of the national Offices of the said countries outside the Special Union which become party to this Act, such countries recognize that the aforesaid country of the Special Union may demand compliance with the requirements of the most recent Act to which it is party.

Article 17 - [Signature, Languages, Depositary Functions]

(1)

(a) This Act shall be signed in a single copy in the French language and shall be deposited with the Government of Sweden.

(b) Official texts shall be established by the Director General, after consultation with the interested Governments, in such other languages as the Assembly may designate.

(2) This Act shall remain open for signature at Stockholm until January 13, 1968.

(3) The Director General shall transmit two copies, certified by the Government of Sweden, of the signed text of this Act to the Governments of all countries of the Special Union and, on request, to the Government of any other country.

(4) The Director General shall register this Act with the Secretariat of the United Nations.

(5) The Director General shall notify the Governments of all countries of the Special Union of signatures, deposits of instruments of ratification or accession and any declarations included in such instruments, entry into force of any provisions of this Act, notifications of denunciation, and notifications pursuant to Articles 3bis, 9quater, 13, 14(7), and 15(2).

Article 18 - [Transitional Provisions]

(1) Until the first Director General assumes office, references in this Act to the International Bureau of the Organization or to the Director General shall be

construed as references to the Bureau of the Union established by the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or its Director, respectively.

(2) Countries of the Special Union not having ratified or acceded to this Act may, until five years after the entry into force of the Convention establishing the Organization, exercise, if they so desire, the rights provided for under Articles 10 to 13 of this Act as if they were bound by those Articles. Any country desiring to exercise such rights shall give written notification to that effect to the Director General; such notification shall be effective from the date of its receipt. Such countries shall be deemed to be members of the Assembly until the expiration of the said period.

Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement

Chapter 1 - General Provisions

Rule 1 - Abbreviated Expressions

For the purposes of these Regulations,

- (i) "Agreement" means the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks of April 14, 1891, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and amended on October 2, 1979;
- (ii) "Protocol" means the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, adopted at Madrid on June 27, 1989;
- (iii) "Contracting Party" means any country party to the Agreement or any State or intergovernmental organization party to the Protocol;
- (iv) "Contracting State" means a Contracting Party that is a State;
- (v) "Contracting Organization" means a Contracting Party that is an intergovernmental organization;

(vi) "international registration" means the registration of a mark effected under the Agreement or the Protocol or both, as the case may be;

(vii) "international application" means an application for international registration filed under the Agreement or the Protocol or both, as the case may be;

(viii) "international application governed exclusively by the Agreement" means an international application whose Office of origin is the Office of a State bound by the Agreement but not by the Protocol, or of a State bound by both the Agreement and the Protocol where all the States designated in the international application are bound by the Agreement (whether or not those States are also bound by the Protocol);

(ix) "international application governed exclusively by the Protocol" means an international application whose Office of origin is the Office of a State bound by the Protocol but not by the Agreement, or of a Contracting Organization, or of a State bound by both the Agreement and the Protocol where the international application does not contain the designation of any State bound by the Agreement;

(x) "international application governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol" means an international application whose Office of origin is the Office of a State bound by both the Agreement and the Protocol and which is based on a registration and contains the designations of at least one State bound by the Agreement (whether or not that State is also bound by the Protocol), and of at least one State bound by the Protocol but not by the Agreement or of at least one Contracting Organization;

(xi) "applicant" means the natural person or legal entity in whose name the international application is filed;

(xii) "legal entity" means a corporation, association or other group or organization which, under the law applicable to it, is capable of acquiring rights, assuming obligations and suing or being sued in a court of law;

(xiii) "basic application" means the application for the registration of a mark that has been filed with the Office of a Contracting Party and that constitutes the basis for the international application for the registration of that mark;

(xiv) "basic registration" means the registration of a mark that has been effected by the Office of a Contracting Party and that constitutes the basis for the international application for the registration of that mark;

(xv) "designation" means the request for extension of protection ("territorial extension") under Article 3ter(1) or (2) of the Agreement or under Article 3ter(1) or (2) of the Protocol, as the case may be; it also means such extension as recorded in the International Register;

(xvi) "designated Contracting Party" means a Contracting Party for which the extension of protection ("territorial extension") has been requested under Article 3ter(1) or (2) of the Agreement or under Article 3ter(1) or (2) of the Protocol, as the case may be, or in respect of which such extension has been recorded in the International Register;

(xvii) "Contracting Party designated under the Agreement" means a designated Contracting Party for which the extension of protection ("territorial extension") requested under Article 3ter(1) or (2) of the Agreement has been recorded in the International Register;

(xviii) "Contracting Party designated under the Protocol" means a designated Contracting Party for which the extension of protection ("territorial extension") requested under Article 3ter(1) or (2) of the Protocol has been recorded in the International Register;

(xix) "refusal" means a notification by the Office of a designated Contracting Party according to Article 5(1) of the Agreement or Article 5(1) of the Protocol that protection cannot be granted in the said Contracting Party;

(xx) "Gazette" means the periodical gazette referred to in Rule 32;

(xxi) "holder" means the natural person or legal entity in whose name the international registration is recorded in the International Register;

(xxii) "International Classification of Figurative Elements" means the Classification established by the Vienna Agreement Establishing an International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks of June 12, 1973;

(xxiii) "International Classification of Goods and Services" means the Classification established by the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of

Marks of June 15, 1957, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and at Geneva on May 13, 1977;

(xxiv) "International Register" means the official collection of data concerning international registrations maintained by the International Bureau, which data the Agreement, the Protocol or the Regulations require or permit to be recorded, irrespective of the medium in which such data are stored;

(xxv) "Office" means the Office of a Contracting Party in charge of the registration of marks, or the common Office referred to in Article 9quater of the Agreement or Article 9quater of the Protocol, or both, as the case may be;

(xxvi) "Office of origin" means the Office of the country of origin defined in Article 1(3) of the Agreement or the Office of origin defined in Article 2(2) of the Protocol, or both, as the case may be;

(xxvii) "official form" means a form established by the International Bureau or any form having the same contents and format;

(xxviii) "prescribed fee" means the applicable fee set out in the Schedule of Fees;

(xxix) "Director General" means the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization;

(xxx) "International Bureau" means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Rule 2 - Communications With the International Bureau; Signature

(1) [Communication in Writing; Several Documents in One Envelope]

(a) Subject to paragraph (6), communications addressed to the International Bureau shall be effected in writing by typewriter or other machine and, except where the communication is by telex or telegram, shall be signed.

(b) If several documents are mailed in one envelope, they should be accompanied by a list identifying each of them.

(2) [Signature]

A signature shall be handwritten, printed or stamped; it may be replaced by the affixing of a seal or, as regards the electronic communications referred to

in paragraph (6), by a mode of identification agreed upon between the International Bureau and the Office concerned.

(3) [Communications by Telefacsimile]

(a) Any communication may be addressed to the International Bureau by telefacsimile, provided that,

(i) where the communication must be presented on an official form, the official form is used for the purposes of the telefacsimile communication, and that,

(ii) where the communication consists of the international application, the original of the page of the official form bearing the reproduction or reproductions of the mark, signed by the Office of origin and containing sufficient indications to allow identification of the international application to which it relates, is sent to the International Bureau.

(b) Where the original referred to in subparagraph (a)(ii) is received by the International Bureau within a period of one month from the day on which the communication by telefacsimile was received, that original shall be deemed to have been received by the International Bureau on the date on which the communication by telefacsimile was received.

(c) Where an international application is addressed to the International Bureau by telefacsimile, examination by the International Bureau as to conformity of the international application with the applicable requirements shall start

(i) upon receipt of the original referred to in subparagraph (a)(ii) if such original is received within a period of one month from the date on which the communication by telefacsimile was received, or

(ii) upon expiry of the period of one month referred to in subparagraph (b) if the said original is not received by the International Bureau within that period.

(4) [Communications by Telex or Telegram]

(a) Communications other than the international application or a designation made subsequent to the international registration may be addressed to the International Bureau by telex or telegram, provided that, where the use of an official form is prescribed, the official form, duly signed and corresponding in its contents to the contents of the telex or telegram, is received by the International Bureau within a period of one month from the day on which the communication by telex or telegram was received.

(b) Where the requirements under subparagraph (a) are complied with, the official form shall be deemed to have been received by the International Bureau on the day on which the communication by telex or telegram was received. Where the requirements under subparagraph (a) are not complied with, the communication by telex or telegram shall be deemed not to have been made.

(5) [Acknowledgement and Date of Receipt of Telefacsimile by the International Bureau]

(a) The International Bureau shall promptly and by tele facsimile inform the sender of a telefacsimile communication of the receipt of that communication, and, where the telefacsimile communication received is incomplete or illegible, of that fact also, provided that the sender can be identified and can be reached by telefacsimile.

(b) Where a communication is transmitted by telefacsimile and, because of the time difference between the place from where the communication is transmitted and Geneva, the date on which the transmittal started is different from the date of receipt by the International Bureau of the complete communication, the earlier of the two dates shall be considered as the date of receipt by the International Bureau.

(6) [Electronic Communications; Acknowledgement and Date of Receipt of Electronic Transmission by the International Bureau]

(a) Where an Office so desires, communications between that Office and the International Bureau, including the presentation of the international application, shall be by electronic means in a way agreed upon between the International Bureau and the Office concerned.

(b) The International Bureau shall promptly and by electronic transmission inform the originator of an electronic transmission of the receipt of that transmission, and, where the electronic transmission received is incomplete or otherwise unusable, also of that fact, provided that the originator can be identified and can be reached.

(c) Where a communication is by electronic means and, because of the time difference between the place from where the communication is sent and Geneva, the date on which the sending started is different from the date of

receipt by the International Bureau of the complete communication, the earlier of the two dates shall be considered as the date of receipt by the International Bureau.

Rule 3 - Representation Before the International Bureau

(1) [Representative; Address of Representative; Number of Representatives]

(a) The applicant or the holder may have a representative before the International Bureau.

(b) The address of the representative shall be,

(i) in respect of an international application governed exclusively by the Agreement, in the territory of a Contracting Party bound by the Agreement;

(ii) in respect of an international application governed exclusively by the Protocol, in the territory of a Contracting Party bound by the Protocol;

(iii) in respect of an international application governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol, in the territory of a Contracting Party;

(iv) in respect of an international registration, in the territory of a Contracting Party.

(c) The applicant or the holder may have one representative only. Where the appointment indicates several representatives, only the one indicated first shall be considered to be a representative and be recorded as such.

(d) Where a partnership or firm composed of attorneys or patent or trademark agents has been indicated as representative to the International Bureau, it shall be regarded as one representative.

(2) [Appointment of the Representative]

(a) The appointment of a representative may be made in the international application, or in a subsequent designation or a request under Rule 25 if such subsequent designation or request is made through an Office.

(b) The appointment of a representative may also be made in a separate communication which may relate to one or more specified international applications or international registrations, or to all future international applications and international registrations, of the same applicant or holder.

The said communication shall be presented to the International Bureau

(i) by the applicant, the holder or the appointed representative,
(ii) by the Office of origin, or
(iii) by another interested Office if the applicant, the holder or the appointed representative asks for, and that Office admits, such presentation. The communication shall be signed by the applicant or the holder, or by the Office through which it was presented.

(3) [Irregular Appointment]

(a) Where the address of the purported representative is not in the territory relevant under paragraph (1)(b), the International Bureau shall treat the appointment as if it had not been made and shall inform accordingly the applicant or holder, the purported representative and, if the sender or transmitter is an Office, that Office.

(b) Where the International Bureau considers that the appointment of a representative under paragraph (2) is irregular, it shall notify accordingly the applicant or holder, the purported representative and, if the sender or transmitter is an Office, that Office.

(c) As long as the relevant requirements under paragraphs (1)(b) and (2) are not complied with, the International Bureau shall send all relevant communications to the applicant or holder himself.

(4) [Recordal and Notification of Appointment of a Representative; Effective Date of Appointment]

(a) Where the International Bureau finds that the appointment of a representative complies with the applicable requirements, it shall record the fact that the applicant or holder has a representative, as well as the name and address of the representative, in the International Register. In such a case, the effective date of the appointment shall be the date on which the International Bureau received the international application, subsequent designation, request or separate communication in which the representative is appointed.

(b) The International Bureau shall notify the recordal referred to in subparagraph (a) to both the applicant or holder and the representative.

Where the appointment was made in a separate communication presented

through an Office, the International Bureau shall also notify the recordal to that Office.

(5) [Effect of Appointment of a Representative]

(a) Except where these Regulations expressly provide otherwise, the signature of a representative recorded under paragraph (4)(a) shall replace the signature of the applicant or holder.

(b) Except where these Regulations expressly require that an invitation, notification or other communication be addressed to both the applicant or holder and the representative, the International Bureau shall address to the representative recorded under paragraph (4)(a) any invitation, notification or other communication which, in the absence of a representative, would have to be sent to the applicant or holder; any invitation, notification or other communication so addressed to the said representative shall have the same effect as if it had been addressed to the applicant or holder.

(c) Any communication addressed to the International Bureau by the representative recorded under paragraph (4)(a) shall have the same effect as if it had been addressed to the said Bureau by the applicant or holder.

(6) [Cancellation of Recordal; Effective Date of Cancellation]

(a) Any recordal under paragraph (4)(a) shall be cancelled where cancellation is requested in a communication signed by the applicant, holder or representative. The recordal shall be cancelled ex officio by the International Bureau where a new representative is appointed or, in case a change in ownership has been recorded, where no representative is appointed by the new holder of the international registration.

(b) Subject to subparagraph (c), the cancellation shall be effective from the date on which the International Bureau receives the corresponding communication.

(c) Where the cancellation is requested by the representative, it shall be effective from the earlier of the following:

(i) the date on which the International Bureau receives a communication appointing a new representative;

(ii) the date of the expiry of a period of two months counted from the receipt of the request of the representative that the recordal be cancelled. Until the

effective date of the cancellation, all communications referred to in paragraph (5)(b) shall be addressed by the International Bureau to both the applicant or holder and the representative.

(d) The International Bureau shall, upon receipt of a request for cancellation made by the representative, notify accordingly the applicant or holder, and add to the notification copies of all communications sent to the representative, or received by the International Bureau from the representative, during the six months preceding the date of the notification.

(e) The International Bureau shall, once the effective date of the cancellation is known, notify the cancellation and its effective date to the representative whose recordal has been cancelled, to the applicant or holder and, where the appointment of the representative had been presented through an Office, to that Office.

Rule 4 - Calculation of Time Limits

(1) [Periods Expressed in Years]

Any period expressed in years shall expire, in the relevant subsequent year, in the month having the same name and on the day having the same number as the month and the day of the event from which the period starts to run, except that, where the event occurred on February 29 and in the relevant subsequent year February ends on the 28th, the period shall expire on February 28.

(2) [Periods Expressed in Months]

Any period expressed in months shall expire, in the relevant subsequent month, on the day which has the same number as the day of the event from which the period starts to run, except that, where the relevant subsequent month has no day with the same number, the period shall expire on the last day of that month.

(3) [Periods Expressed in Days]

The calculation of any period expressed in days shall start with the day following the day on which the relevant event occurred and shall expire accordingly.

(4) [Expiry on a Day on Which the International Bureau or an Office Is Not Open to the Public]

If a period expires on a day on which the International Bureau or the Office concerned is not open to the public, the period shall, notwithstanding paragraphs (1) to (3), expire on the first subsequent day on which the International Bureau or the Office concerned is open to the public.

(5) [Indication of the Date of Expiry]

The International Bureau shall, in all cases in which it communicates a time limit, indicate the date of the expiry, according to paragraphs (1) to (3), of the said time limit.

Rule 5 - Irregularities in Postal and Delivery Services

(1) [Communications Sent Through a Postal Service]

Failure by an interested party to meet a time limit for a communication addressed to the International Bureau and mailed through a postal service shall be excused if the interested party submits evidence showing, to the satisfaction of the International Bureau,

(i) that the communication was mailed at least five days prior to the expiry of the time limit, or, where the postal service was, on any of the ten days preceding the day of expiry of the time limit, interrupted on account of war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, or other like reason, that the communication was mailed not later than five days after postal service was resumed,

(ii) that the mailing of the communication was registered, or details of the mailing were recorded, by the postal service at the time of mailing, and

(iii) in cases where all classes of mail do not normally reach the International Bureau within two days of mailing, that the communication was mailed by a class of mail which normally reaches the International Bureau within two days of mailing or by airmail.

(2) [Communications Sent Through a Delivery Service]

Failure by an interested party to meet a time limit for a communication addressed to the International Bureau and sent through a delivery service

shall be excused if the interested party submits evidence showing, to the satisfaction of the International Bureau,

(i) that the communication was sent at least five days prior to the expiry of the time limit, or, where the delivery service was, on any of the ten days preceding the day of expiry of the time limit, interrupted on account of war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, or other like reason, that the communication was sent not later than five days after the delivery service was resumed, and

(ii) that details of the sending of the communication were recorded by the delivery service at the time of sending.

(3) [Limitation on Excuse]

Failure to meet a time limit shall be excused under this Rule only if the evidence referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) and the communication or a duplicate thereof are received by the International Bureau not later than six months after the expiry of the time limit.

(4) [International Application and Subsequent Designation]

Where the International Bureau receives an international application or a subsequent designation beyond the two-month period referred to in Article 3(4) of the Agreement, in Article 3(4) of the Protocol and in Rule 24(6)(b), and the Office concerned indicates that the late receipt resulted from circumstances referred to in paragraph (1) or (2), paragraph (1) or (2) and paragraph (3) shall apply.

Rule 6 - Languages

(1) [International Application]

(a) Any international application governed exclusively by the Agreement shall be in French.

(b) Any international application governed exclusively by the Protocol or governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol shall be in English or French according to what is prescribed by the Office of origin, it being understood that the Office of origin may allow applicants to choose between English and French.

(2) [Communications Other Than the International Application]

(a) Any communication concerning an international application governed exclusively by the Agreement or the international registration resulting therefrom shall, subject to Rule 17(2)(v) and (3), be in French, except that, where the international registration resulting from an international application governed exclusively by the Agreement is or has been the subject of a subsequent designation under Rule 24(1)(b), the provisions of subparagraph (b) shall apply.

(b) Any communication concerning an international application governed exclusively by the Protocol or governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol, or the international registration resulting therefrom, shall, subject to Rule 17(2)(v) and (3), be

(i) in English or French where such communication is addressed to the International Bureau by the applicant or holder, or by an Office;

(ii) in the language applicable under Rule 7(2) where the communication consists of the declaration of intention to use the mark annexed to the international application under Rule 9(6)(d)(i) or to the subsequent designation under Rule 24(3)(b)(i);

(iii) in the language of the international application where the communication is a notification addressed by the International Bureau to an Office, unless that Office has notified the International Bureau that all such notifications are to be in English or that all such notifications are to be in French; where the notification addressed by the International Bureau concerns the recordal in the International Register of an international registration, the notification shall indicate the language in which the relevant international application was received by the International Bureau;

(iv) in the language of the international application where the communication is a notification addressed by the International Bureau to the applicant or holder, unless that applicant or holder has expressed the wish to receive such notifications in English although the language of the international application is French, or in French although the language of the international application is English.

(3) [Recordal and Publication]

(a) Where the international application is governed exclusively by the Agreement, the recordal in the International Register and the publication in the Gazette of the international registration resulting therefrom and of any data to be both recorded and published under these Regulations in respect of that international registration shall be in French.

(b) Where the international application is governed exclusively by the Protocol or is governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol, the recordal in the International Register and the publication in the Gazette of the international registration resulting therefrom and of any data to be both recorded and published under these Regulations in respect of that international registration shall be in English and French. The recordal and publication of the international registration shall indicate the language in which the international application was received by the International Bureau.

(c) If a subsequent designation made under Rule 24(1)(b) is the first subsequent designation made under that Rule in respect of a given international registration, the International Bureau shall, together with the publication in the Gazette of that subsequent designation, publish the international registration in English and republish the international registration in French. Thereafter, that subsequent designation shall be recorded in the International Register in English and French. The recordal in the International Register and the publication in the Gazette of any data to be both recorded and published under these Regulations in respect of the international registration concerned shall be in English and French.

(4) [Translation]

(a) The translations from English into French or from French into English needed for the notifications under paragraph (2)(b)(iii) and (iv), and recordals and publications under paragraph (3)(b) and (c), shall be made by the International Bureau. The applicant or the holder, as the case may be, may annex to the international application, or to a request for the recordal of a subsequent designation or of a change, a proposed translation of any text matter contained in the international application or the request. If the proposed translation is not considered by the International Bureau to be correct, it shall be corrected by the International Bureau after having invited

the applicant or the holder to make, within one month from the invitation, observations on the proposed corrections.

(b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (a), the International Bureau shall not translate the mark. Where, in accordance with Rule 9(4)(b)(iii) or Rule 24(3)(c), the applicant or the holder gives a translation or translations of the mark, the International Bureau shall not check the correctness of any such translations.

Rule 7 - Notification Of Certain Special Requirements

(1) [Presentation of Subsequent Designations by the Office of Origin]

Where a Contracting Party requires that, where its Office is the Office of origin and the holder's address is in the territory of that Contracting Party, designations made subsequently to the international registration be presented to the International Bureau by the said Office, it shall notify that requirement to the Director General.

(2) [Intention to Use the Mark]

Where a Contracting Party requires, as a Contracting Party designated under the Protocol, a declaration of intention to use the mark, it shall notify that requirement to the Director General. Where that Contracting Party requires the declaration to be signed by the applicant himself and to be made on a separate official form annexed to the international application, the notification shall contain a statement to that effect and shall specify the exact wording of the required declaration. Where the Contracting Party further requires the declaration to be in English even if the international application is in French, or to be in French even if the international application is in English, the notification shall specify the required language.

(3) [Notification]

(a) Any notification referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) may be made at the time of the deposit by the Contracting Party of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of, or accession to, the Protocol, and the effective date of the notification shall be the same as the date of entry into force of the Protocol with respect to the Contracting Party having made the notification.

The notification may also be made later, in which case the notification shall have effect three months after its receipt by the Director General, or at any later date indicated in the notification, in respect of any international registration whose date is the same as or is later than the effective date of the notification.

(b) Any notification made under paragraph (1) or (2) may be withdrawn at any time. The notice of withdrawal shall be addressed to the Director General. The withdrawal shall have effect upon receipt of the notice of withdrawal by the Director General or at any later date indicated in the notice.

Chapter 2 - International Applications

Rule 8 - Several Applicants

(1) [Two or More Applicants Applying Exclusively Under the Agreement or Applying Under Both the Agreement and the Protocol]

Two or more applicants may jointly file an international application governed exclusively by the Agreement or governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol if the basic registration is jointly owned by them and if the country of origin, as defined in Article 1(3) of the Agreement, is the same for each of them.

(2) [Two or More Applicants Applying Exclusively Under the Protocol]

Two or more applicants may jointly file an international application governed exclusively by the Protocol if the basic application was jointly filed by them or the basic registration is jointly owned by them, and if each of them qualifies, in relation to the Contracting Party whose Office is the Office of origin, for filing an international application under Article 2(1) of the Protocol.

Rule 9 - Requirements Concerning the International Application

(1) [Presentation]

The international application shall be presented to the International Bureau by the Office of origin.

(2) [Form and Signature]

(a) The international application shall be presented on the official form in one copy.

(b) The international application shall be signed by the Office of origin and, where the Office of origin so requires, also by the applicant. Where the Office of origin does not require the applicant to sign the international application but allows that the applicant also sign it, the applicant may do so.

(3) [Fees]

The prescribed fees applicable to the international application shall be paid as provided for in Rules 10, 34 and 35.

(4) [Contents of All International Applications]

(a) Subject to paragraphs (5), (6) and (7), the international application shall contain or indicate

(i) the name of the applicant; where the applicant is a natural person, the name to be indicated is the family or principal name and the given or secondary name(s) of the natural person; where the applicant is a legal entity, the name to be indicated is the full official designation of the legal entity; where the name of the applicant is in characters other than Latin characters, the indication of that name shall consist of a transliteration into Latin characters which shall follow the phonetics of the language of the international application; where the applicant is a legal entity, and its name is in characters other than Latin characters, the said transliteration may be replaced by a translation into the language of the international application,

(ii) the address of the applicant; that address shall be given in such way as to satisfy the customary requirements for prompt postal delivery and shall consist, at least, of all the relevant administrative units up to, and including, the house number, if any; in addition, telephone and telefacsimile numbers as well as a different address for correspondence may be indicated; where there are two or more applicants with different addresses, one address for correspondence shall be indicated; where no such address is indicated, the address for correspondence shall be the address of the applicant named first in the international application, (iii) the name and address of the

representative, if any; in addition, telephone and telefacsimile numbers may be indicated; where the name of the representative is in characters other than

Latin characters, the indication of that name shall consist of a transliteration into Latin characters which shall follow the phonetics of the language of the international application; where the representative is a legal entity, and its name is in characters other than Latin characters, the said transliteration may be replaced by a translation into the language of the international application, (iv) where the applicant wishes, under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, to take advantage of the priority of an earlier filing, a declaration claiming the priority of that earlier filing, together with an indication of the name of the Office where such filing was made and of the date and, where available, the number of that filing, and, where the priority claim relates to less than all the goods and services listed in the international application, the indication of those goods and services to which the priority claim relates, (v) a reproduction of the mark that shall fit in the box provided on the official form; that reproduction shall be clear and shall, depending on whether the reproduction in the basic application or the basic registration is in black and white or in color, be in black and white or in color, (vi) where the applicant wishes that the mark be considered as a mark in standard characters, a declaration to that effect, (vii) where, according to Article 3(3) of the Agreement or Article 3(3) of the Protocol, the applicant claims color as a distinctive feature of the mark, an indication of that fact and an indication by words of the color or combination of colors claimed and, where the reproduction furnished under item, (v) is in black and white, one reproduction of the mark in color, (viii) where the basic application or the basic registration relates to a three-dimensional mark, the indication "three-dimensional mark," (ix) where the basic application or the basic registration relates to a sound mark, the indication "sound mark," (x) where the basic application or the basic registration relates to a collective mark or a certification mark or a guarantee mark, an indication to that effect, (xi) where the basic application or the basic registration contains a description of the mark by words, the same description; where the said description is in a language other than the language of the international application, it shall be given in the language of the international application, (xii) where the mark consists of or contains matter in characters other than Latin characters or

numbers expressed in numerals other than Arabic or Roman numerals, a transliteration of that matter in Latin characters and Arabic numerals; the transliteration into Latin characters shall follow the phonetics of the language of the international application,

(xiii) the names of the goods and services for which the international registration of the mark is sought, grouped in the appropriate classes of the International Classification of Goods and Services, each group preceded by the number of the class and presented in the order of the classes of that Classification; the goods and services shall be indicated in precise terms, preferably using the words appearing in the Alphabetical List of the said Classification; the international application may contain limitations of the list of goods and services in respect of one or more designated Contracting Parties; the limitation in respect of each Contracting Party may be different, and (xiv) the amount of the fees being paid and the method of payment, or instructions to debit the required amount of fees to an account opened with the International Bureau, and the identification of the party effecting the payment or giving the instructions.

(b) The international application may also contain,

(i) where the applicant is a natural person, an indication of the State of which the applicant is a national;

(ii) where the applicant is a legal entity, indications concerning the legal nature of that legal entity and the State, and, where applicable, the territorial unit within that State, under the law of which the said legal entity has been organized;

(iii) where the mark consists of or contains a word or words that can be translated, a translation of that word or those words into French if the international application is governed exclusively by the Agreement, or into English or French or both if the international application is governed exclusively by the Protocol or is governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol;

(iv) where the applicant claims color as a distinctive feature of the mark, an indication by words, in respect of each color, of the principal parts of the mark which are in that color.

(5) [Additional Contents of an International Application Governed Exclusively by the Agreement]

(a) In the case of an international application governed exclusively by the Agreement, the international application shall contain or indicate, in addition to the indications referred to in paragraph (4)(a),

(i) the Contracting State party to the Agreement in which the applicant has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment; if there is no such Contracting State, the Contracting State party to the Agreement in which the applicant is domiciled; if there is no such Contracting State, the Contracting State party to the Agreement of which the applicant is a national,

(ii) where the address of the applicant given in accordance with paragraph (4)(a)(ii) is in a State other than the State whose Office is the Office of origin, the address of the establishment or the domicile, referred to in item (i),

(iii) the States that are designated under the Agreement,

(iv) the date and the number of the basic registration, and

(v) the declaration by the Office of origin as specified in subparagraph (b).

(b) The declaration referred to in subparagraph (a)(v) shall certify (i) the date on which the Office of origin received or, as provided in Rule 11(1), is deemed to have received, the request by the applicant to present the international application to the International Bureau,

(ii) that the applicant named in the international application is the same as the holder of the basic registration,

(iii) that any indication referred to in paragraph (4)(a)(viii) to (xi) and appearing in the international application appears also in the basic registration,

(iv) that the mark that is the subject matter of the international application is the same as in the basic registration,

(v) that, if colors are claimed in the international application, the claim for color is the same as in the basic registration, and

(vi) that the goods and services indicated in the international application are covered by the list of goods and services appearing in the basic registration.

(c) Where the international application is based on two or more basic registrations of the same mark in the Office of origin, the declaration referred

to in subparagraph (a)(v) shall be deemed to apply to all those basic registrations.

(6) [Additional Contents of an International Application Governed Exclusively by the Protocol]

(a) In the case of an international application governed exclusively by the Protocol, the international application shall contain or indicate, in addition to the indications referred to in paragraph (4)(a),

(i) where the basic application has been filed with, or where the basic registration has been made by, the Office of a Contracting State of which the applicant is a national or in which the applicant is domiciled or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment, that Contracting State,

(ii) where the address of the applicant given in accordance with paragraph (4)(a)(ii) is in a State other than the State whose Office is the Office of origin, the domicile or the address of the establishment, referred to in item (i),

(iii) where the basic application has been filed with the Office of a Contracting Organization or where the basic registration has been made by such an Office, that organization and the State member of that organization of which the applicant is a national, or a statement that the applicant is domiciled in the territory in which the constituting treaty of the said organization applies, or a statement that the applicant has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in that territory,

(iv) where the address of the applicant given in accordance with paragraph (4)(a)(ii) is not in the territory in which the constituting treaty of the Contracting Organization whose Office is the Office of origin applies, the domicile or the address of the establishment, referred to in item (iii),

(v) the Contracting Parties that are designated under the Protocol, (vi) the date and the number of the basic application, or the date and the number of the basic registration, as the case may be, and

(vii) the declaration by the Office of origin as specified in subparagraph (b).

(b) The declaration referred to in subparagraph (a)(vii) shall certify (i) the date on which the Office of origin received the request by the applicant to present the international application to the International Bureau,

(ii) that the applicant named in the international application is the same as the applicant named in the basic application or the holder named in the basic registration, as the case may be,

(iii) that any indication referred to in paragraph (4)(a)(viii) to (xi) and appearing in the international application appears also in the basic application or the basic registration, as the case may be,

(iv) that the mark that is the subject matter of the international application is the same as in the basic application or the basic registration, as the case may be,

(v) that, if colors are claimed in the international application, the claim for color is the same as in the basic application or the basic registration, as the case may be, and

(vi) that the goods and services indicated in the international application are covered by the list of goods and services appearing in the basic application or basic registration, as the case may be.

c) Where the international application is based on two or more basic applications for or basic registrations of the same mark in the Office of origin, the declaration referred to in subparagraph (a)(vii) shall be deemed to apply to all those basic applications and basic registrations.

(d) The international application shall also contain, where a designation concerns a Contracting Party that has made a notification under Rule 7(2), a declaration of intention to use the mark in the territory of that Contracting Party; the declaration shall be considered part of the designation of the Contracting Party requiring it and shall, as required by that Contracting Party, (i) be signed by the applicant himself and be made on a separate official form annexed to the international application, or

(ii) be included in the international application.

(7) [Contents of an International Application Governed by Both the Agreement and the Protocol]

In the case of an international application governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol, the international application shall contain or indicate, in addition to the indications referred to in paragraph (4)(a), the indications referred to in paragraphs (5) and (6), it being understood that only a basic

registration, and not a basic application, may be indicated under paragraph (6)(a)(vi), and that that basic registration is the same basic registration as the one referred to in paragraph (5)(a)(iv).

Rule 10 - Fees Concerning the International Application

(1) [International Applications Governed Exclusively by the Agreement]

An international application governed exclusively by the Agreement shall be subject to the payment of the basic fee, the complementary fee and, where applicable, the supplementary fee, specified in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees. Those fees shall be paid in two instalments of ten years each. For the payment of the second instalment, Rule 30 shall apply.

(2) [International Applications Governed Exclusively by the Protocol]

An international application governed exclusively by the Protocol shall be subject to the payment of the basic fee, the complementary fee and/or the individual fee and, where applicable, the supplementary fee, specified or referred to in item 2 of the Schedule of Fees. Those fees shall be paid for ten years.

(3) [International Applications Governed by Both the Agreement and the Protocol]

An international application governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol shall be subject to the payment of the basic fee, the complementary fee and, where applicable, the individual fee and the supplementary fee, specified or referred to in item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. As far as the Contracting Parties designated under the Agreement are concerned, paragraph (1) shall apply. As far as the Contracting Parties designated under the Protocol are concerned, paragraph (2) shall apply.

Rule 11 - Irregularities Other Than Those Concerning the Classification of Goods and Services or Their Indication

(1) [Premature Request to the Office of Origin]

(a) Where the Office of origin received a request to present to the International Bureau an international application governed exclusively by the

Agreement before the mark which is referred to in that request is registered in the register of the said Office, the said request shall be deemed to have been received by the Office of origin, for the purposes of Article 3(4) of the Agreement, on the date of the registration of the mark in the register of the said Office.

(b) Subject to subparagraph (c), where the Office of origin receives a request to present to the International Bureau an international application governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol before the mark which is referred to in that request is registered in the register of the said Office, the international application shall be treated as an international application governed exclusively by the Protocol, and the Office of origin shall delete the designation of any Contracting Party bound by the Agreement.

(c) Where the request referred to in subparagraph (b) is accompanied by an express request that the international application be treated as an international application governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol once the mark is registered in the register of the Office of origin, the said Office shall not delete the designation of any Contracting Party bound by the Agreement and the request to present the international application shall be deemed to have been received by the said Office, for the purposes of Article 3(4) of the Agreement and Article 3(4) of the Protocol, on the date of the registration of the mark in the register of the said Office.

(2) [Irregularities to Be Remedied by the Applicant]

(a) If the International Bureau considers that the international application contains irregularities other than those referred to in paragraphs (3), (4) and (6) and in Rules 12 and 13, it shall notify the applicant of the irregularity and at the same time inform the Office of origin.

(b) Such irregularities may be remedied by the applicant within three months from the date of the notification of the irregularity by the International Bureau. If an irregularity is not remedied within three months from the date of the notification of that irregularity by the International Bureau, the international application shall be considered abandoned and the International Bureau shall notify accordingly and at the same time the applicant and the Office of origin.

(3) [Irregularity to Be Remedied by the Applicant or by the Office of Origin]

(a) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), where the fees payable under Rule 10 have been paid to the International Bureau by the Office of origin and the International Bureau considers that the amount of the fees received is less than the amount required, it shall notify at the same time the Office of origin and the applicant. The notification shall specify the missing amount.

(b) The missing amount may be paid by the Office of origin or by the applicant within three months from the date of the notification by the International Bureau. If the missing amount is not paid within three months from the date of the notification of the irregularity by the International Bureau, the international application shall be considered abandoned and the International Bureau shall notify accordingly and at the same time the Office of origin and the applicant.

(4) [Irregularities to Be Remedied by the Office of Origin]

(a) If the International Bureau

(i) finds that the international application does not fulfill the requirements of Rule 2(1)(a) or was not presented on the official form prescribed under Rule 9(2)(a),

(ii) finds that the international application contains any of the irregularities referred to in Rule 15(1)(a),

(iii) considers that the international application contains irregularities relating to the entitlement of the applicant to file an international application, (iv)

considers that the international application contains irregularities relating to the declaration by the Office of origin referred to in Rule 9(5)(a)(v) or

(6)(a)(vii),

(v) finds that the original referred to in Rule 2(3)(a)(ii) has not been received within the one-month period referred to in Rule 2(3)(b), or

(vi) finds that the international application is not signed by the Office of origin, it shall notify the Office of origin and at the same time inform the applicant.

(b) Such irregularities may be remedied by the Office of origin within three months from the date of notification of the irregularity by the International Bureau. If an irregularity is not remedied within three months from the date of the notification of that irregularity by the International Bureau, the international application shall be considered abandoned and the International Bureau shall notify accordingly and at the same time the Office of origin and the applicant.

(5) [Reimbursement of Fees]

Where, in accordance with paragraphs (2)(b), (3) or (4)(b), the international application is considered abandoned, the International Bureau shall refund any fees paid in respect of that application, after deduction of an amount corresponding to one-half of the basic fee referred to in items 1.1.1, 2.1.1 or 3.1.1 of the Schedule of Fees, to the party having paid those fees.

(6) [Other Irregularity With Respect to the Designation of a Contracting Party Under the Protocol]

(a) Where, in accordance with Article 3(4) of the Protocol, an international application is received by the International Bureau within a period of two months from the date of receipt of that international application by the Office of origin and the International Bureau considers that a declaration of intention to use the mark is required according to Rule 9(6)(d)(i) or (7) but is missing or does not comply with the applicable requirements, the International Bureau shall promptly notify accordingly and at the same time the applicant and the Office of origin.

(b) The declaration of intention to use the mark shall be deemed to have been received by the International Bureau together with the international application if the missing or corrected declaration is received by the International Bureau within the period of two months referred to in subparagraph (a).

(c) The international application shall be deemed not to contain the designation of the Contracting Party for which a declaration of intention to use the mark is required if the missing or corrected declaration is received after the period of two months referred to in subparagraph (b). The International Bureau shall notify accordingly and at the same time the applicant and the Office of origin, reimburse any designation fee already paid in respect of that Contracting Party and indicate that the designation of the said Contracting Party may be effected as a subsequent designation under Rule 24, provided that such designation is accompanied by the required declaration.

(7) [International Application Not Considered as Such]

If the international application is presented direct to the International Bureau by the applicant or does not comply with the requirement applicable under

Rule 6(1), the international application shall not be considered as such and shall be returned to the sender.

Rule 12 - Irregularities With Respect to the Classification of Goods and Services

(1) [Proposal for Classification]

(a) If the International Bureau considers that the requirements of Rule 9(4)(a)(xiii) are not complied with, it shall make a proposal of its own for the classification and grouping and shall send a notification of its proposal to the Office of origin and at the same time inform the applicant.

(b) The notification of the proposal shall also state the amount, if any, of the fees due as a consequence of the proposed classification and grouping.

(2) [Opinion Differing From the Proposal]

The Office of origin may communicate to the International Bureau an opinion on the proposed classification and grouping within three months from the date of the notification of the proposal.

(3) [Reminder of the Proposal]

If, within two months from the date of the notification referred to in paragraph (1)(a), the Office of origin has not communicated an opinion on the proposed classification and grouping, the International Bureau shall send to the Office of origin and to the applicant a communication reiterating the proposal. The sending of such a communication shall not affect the three-month period referred to in paragraph (2).

(4) [Withdrawal of Proposal]

If, in the light of the opinion communicated under paragraph (2), the International Bureau withdraws its proposal, it shall notify the Office of origin accordingly and at the same time inform the applicant.

(5) [Modification of Proposal]

If, in the light of the opinion communicated under paragraph (2), the International Bureau modifies its proposal, it shall notify the Office of origin and at the same time inform the applicant of such modification and of any consequent changes in the amount indicated under paragraph (1)(b).

(6) [Confirmation of Proposal] If, notwithstanding the opinion referred to in paragraph (2), the International Bureau confirms its proposal, it shall notify the Office of origin accordingly and at the same time inform the applicant.

(7) [Fees]

(a) If no opinion has been communicated to the International Bureau under paragraph (2), the amount referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall be payable within four months from the date of the notification referred to in paragraph (1)(a), failing which the international application shall be considered abandoned and the International Bureau shall notify the Office of origin accordingly and at the same time inform the applicant.

(b) If an opinion has been communicated to the International Bureau under paragraph (2), the amount referred to in paragraph (1)(b) or, where applicable, paragraph (5) shall be payable within three months from the date of the communication by the International Bureau of the modification or confirmation of its proposal under paragraph (5) or (6), as the case may be, failing which the international application shall be considered abandoned and the International Bureau shall notify the Office of origin accordingly and at the same time inform the applicant.

(c) If an opinion has been communicated to the International Bureau under paragraph (2) and if, in the light of that opinion, the International Bureau withdraws its proposal in accordance with paragraph (4), the amount referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall not be due.

(8) [Reimbursement of Fees]

Where, in accordance with paragraph (7), the international application is considered abandoned, the International Bureau shall refund any fees paid in respect of that application, after deduction of an amount corresponding to one-half of the basic fee referred to in items 1.1.1, 2.1.1 or 3.1.1 of the Schedule of Fees, to the party having paid those fees.

(9) [Classification in the Registration]

Subject to the conformity of the international application with the other applicable requirements, the mark shall be registered with the classification and grouping that the International Bureau considers to be correct.

Rule 13 - Irregularities With Respect to the Indication of Goods and Services

(1) [Communication of Irregularity by the International Bureau to the Office of Origin] If the International Bureau considers that any of the goods and services is indicated in the international application by a term that is too vague for the purposes of classification or is incomprehensible or is linguistically incorrect, it shall notify the Office of origin accordingly and at the same time inform the applicant. In the same notification, the International Bureau may suggest a substitute term, or the deletion of the term.

(2) [Time Allowed to Remedy Irregularity]

(a) The Office of origin may make a proposal for remedying the irregularity within three months from the date of the notification referred to in paragraph (1).

(b) If no proposal acceptable to the International Bureau for remedying the irregularity is made within the period indicated in subparagraph (a), the International Bureau shall include in the international registration the term as appearing in the international application, provided that the Office of origin has specified the class in which such term should be classified; the international registration shall contain an indication to the effect that, in the opinion of the International Bureau, the specified term is too vague for the purposes of classification or is incomprehensible or is linguistically incorrect, as the case may be. Where no class has been specified by the Office of origin, the International Bureau shall delete the said term ex officio and shall notify the Office of origin accordingly and at the same time inform the applicant.

Chapter 3 - International Registrations

Rule 14 - Registration of the Mark in the International Register

(1) [Registration of the Mark in the International Register]

Where the International Bureau finds that the international application conforms to the applicable requirements, it shall register the mark in the

International Register, notify the Offices of the designated Contracting Parties of the international registration and inform the Office of origin accordingly, and send a certificate to the holder.

(2) [Contents of the Registration]

The international registration shall contain

- (i) all the data contained in the international application, except any priority claim under Rule 9(4)(a)(iv) where the date of the earlier filing is more than six months before the date of the international registration,
- (ii) the date of the international registration,
- (iii) the number of the international registration,
- (iv) where the mark can be classified according to the International Classification of Figurative Elements, and unless the international application contains a declaration to the effect that the applicant wishes that the mark be considered as a mark in standard characters, the relevant classification symbols of the said Classification as determined by the International Bureau,
- (v) an indication, with respect to each designated Contracting Party, as to whether it is a Contracting Party designated under the Agreement or a Contracting Party designated under the Protocol.

Rule 15 - Date of the International Registration in Special Cases

(1) [Irregular International Application]

(a) Where the international application received by the International Bureau does not contain all of the following elements:

- (i) indications allowing the identity of the applicant to be established and sufficient to contact the applicant or his representative, if any,
- (ii) indications permitting the conclusion that the applicant is entitled to file an international application,
- (iii) the Contracting Parties which are designated,
- (iv) the date and number of the basic application or basic registration, as the case may be,
- (v) the declaration of the Office of origin referred to in Rule 9(5)(a)(v) or Rule 9(6)(a)(vii),

(vi) a reproduction of the mark,
(vii) the indication of the goods and services for which registration of the mark is sought, the international registration shall bear the date on which the last of the missing elements has reached the International Bureau, provided that, where the last of the missing elements reaches the International Bureau within the two-month time limit referred to in Article 3(4) of the Agreement and Article 3(4) of the Protocol, the international registration shall bear the date on which the defective international application has been received by the Office of origin.

(b) Where the international application received by the International Bureau does not comply with any applicable requirement other than those which are referred to in subparagraph (a), but where all such irregularities have been remedied within three months following the date of the notification referred to in Rule 11(2)(a), (3)(a) or (4)(a), the international registration shall bear

(i) the date on which the defective international application was received by the Office of origin, if the International Bureau has received the international application within the two-month time limit referred to in Article 3(4) of the Agreement and Article 3(4) of the Protocol;

(ii) the date on which the defective international application was received by the International Bureau, if the International Bureau has received the international application after the expiry of the two-month time limit referred to in Article 3(4) of the Agreement and Article 3(4) of the Protocol.

(2) [Irregular Classification]

The date of the international registration shall not be affected by an irregularity in respect of the classification of goods and services if the amount referred to in Rule 12(1)(b) is paid to the International Bureau within whichever of the periods referred to in Rule 12(7)(a) and (b) is applicable.

Chapter 4 - Facts in Contracting Parties Affecting International Registrations

Rule 16 - Time Limit for Refusal in Case of Opposition

(1) [Information Relating to Possible Oppositions]

(a) Where a declaration has been made by a Contracting Party pursuant to Article 5(2)(b) and (c), first sentence, of the Protocol, the Office of that Contracting Party shall, where applicable, inform the International Bureau of the number, and the name of the holder, of the international registration in respect of which oppositions may be filed after the expiry of the 18-month time limit referred to in Article 5(2)(b) of the Protoc