

memorandum on international registrations

1. The registration with the International Bureau, located in Geneva, of a trademark under the Madrid System may extend to each of the countries party to the Madrid System, unless objection is made by an individual country following a specified period from the registration at the International Bureau. The member countries will only grant protection for such International Registration if its owner has specifically requested the same for such countries.

2. The following countries, preceded by their two-letter country codes, are party to the Madrid System:

AG	Antigua and Barbuda	GH	Ghana	MZ	Mozambique
AL	Albania	GM	Gambia	NA	Namibia
AM	Armenia	GR	Greece	NO	Norway
AT	Austria	HR	Croatia	NZ	New Zealand
AU	Australia	HU	Hungary	OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)
AZ	Azerbaijan	IE	Ireland	OM	Oman
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	IN	India	PH	Philippines
BG	Bulgaria	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	PL	Poland
BH	Bahrain	IS	Iceland	PT	Portugal
BQ	Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba	IL	Israel	RO	Romania
BT	Bhutan	IT	Italy	RS	Serbia
BW	Botswana	JP	Japan	RU	Russian Federation
BX	Benelux (Comprising Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg)	KE	Kenya	RW	Rwanda
BY	Belarus	KG	Kyrgyzstan	SD	Sudan
CH	Switzerland	KH	Cambodia	SE	Sweden
CN	China	KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	SG	Singapore
CO	Colombia	KR	Republic of Korea	SI	Slovenia
CU	Cuba	KZ	Kazakhstan	SK	Slovakia
CW	Curacao	LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	SL	Sierra Leone
CY	Cyprus	LI	Liechtenstein	SM	San Marino
CZ	Czech Republic	LR	Liberia	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
DE	Germany	LS	Lesotho	SX	Sint Maarten
DK	Denmark	LT	Lithuania	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
DZ	Algeria	LV	Latvia	SZ	Swaziland
EE	Estonia	MA	Morocco	TJ	Tajikistan
EG	Egypt	MC	Monaco	TM	Turkmenistan
EM	European Union	MD	Moldova	TN	Tunisia
ES	Spain	ME	Montenegro	TR	Turkey
FI	Finland	MG	Madagascar	UA	Ukraine
FR	France	MK	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	US	United States of America
GB	United Kingdom	MN	Mongolia	UZ	Uzbekistan
GE	Georgia	MX	Mexico	VN	Viet Nam
				ZM	Zambia
				ZW	Zimbabwe

3. Under the Madrid System, an International Registration is effected on the basis of, and for five years is dependent on, a “home” application or registration in the holder’s member country of origin. If the basic application or registration is in any way modified or invalidated during the said five-year period, the International Registration will likewise be modified or invalidated in all countries to which it was extended. It is accordingly preferable for trademark owners, whose trademarks conflict with an International Registration, to attempt to remove the basic application or registration within the five-year dependent period. It is also possible, however, to take separate action against the International Registration in each of the member countries to which it is extended, either through administrative proceedings or by way of court actions, depending upon what each country offers.

4. The deadlines within which to take action against the extension of an International Registration differ in the various countries. Therefore, our Trademark Watch Letter provides the earliest possible deadline, which may be earlier than the actual deadlines in many countries, and we should be notified immediately if the matter addressed in our Watch Letter is of interest and if action of any kind is desired.