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Bangladesh

The Trade Marks Act 2008 has now come into force in Bangladesh and it is now possible to file service mark applications. It is expected that the 9th Edition of the Nice Classification of Goods and Services will be followed.

Tajikistan

Tajikistan recently reduced the non-use grace period for trade marks from five years to three years. Therefore if you have a registration in Tajikistan that is three years old or more it may be vulnerable to cancellation if it has not been used for three consecutive years

Angola

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property entered into force in Angola on December 27, 2007.

Community Trade Marks

With effect from 10th March 2008 OHIM will no longer conduct an automatic search of the National Registers. Under new Article 39 of the CTM Regulation (40/94/EEC) national search reports will only be produced if requested by the applicant when the application is filed. The searches will be conducted in all participating member states (currently 17) and there will be a separate fee charged for each search.

Montenegro

The Montenegrin Ip Office became operational on 28th May 2008. It is now possible to register trade marks in Montenegro as well as re-validate trade marks registered in the form of Attorney would be required.

If you require further advice please contact your attorney or e-mail HallMark at info@hallmark-ip.com.