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United Kingdom

A new Fast Track system for trade mark applications has been announced by the UK government. This will allow for expedited examination of applications within 10 working days from filing. Only applications for a single mark filed on-line can be fast-tracked and there is an increased fee of £300 (rather than £200). This new service is expected to come into force of 6 April 2008.

Uzbekistan

As of 1 January 2008 Uzbekistan is no longer a member of the Madrid Agreement. However, it is still a signatory of the Madrid Protocol.

Laos

It is no longer possible to file multi-class applications in Laos. Existing registrations will be split into separate single class registrations upon renewal.

Syria

The Syrian Trade Marks Office recently issued regulations stating that every application should be accompanied by a separate notarised Power of Attorney. In order to simplify the procedure our associates suggest that clients file one notarised and legalised Power of Attorney, which can then be deposited with a Notary Public in Damascus. Associates will then simply obtain a certified copy each time a new application is requested. It will no longer be necessary to send a separate Power with each application.

Argentina

Argentina has now adopted the 9th Edition of the Nice Classification of Goods and Services.

East Timor

Since East Timor became dependant from Indonesia in 2002 it has been necessary to publish cautionary notices every 2 years in order to protect trade marks as there is currently no IP Department. However, it is also possible to re-register trade marks that were registered in Indonesia and also valid in East Timor as at 20 May 2002 (the date East Timor became dependant). In order to proceed, a certified copy of the registration certificate and a notarised Power of Attorney would be required.

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