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## Trademark News: What you might have missed in March 2023

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### **Albanian IP Office implements CP9**

The General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) of the Republic of Albania has implemented the European Union's Common Practice CP9 (Distinctiveness of three-dimensional marks (shape marks) containing verbal and/or figurative elements when the shape is not distinctive in itself).

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### **Bermuda publishes draft trademark law to replace 1974 Act**

Recently, Bermuda gave a notice of the draft version of its new trademark legislation that will replace the current Trade Marks Act 1974.

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### **Canada to launch Trademark Document Retrieval Service soon**

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) has announced that the Trademarks Office and Trademarks Opposition Board will soon launch the online Trademark Document Retrieval Service.

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### **Japan introduced lumpsum fee payment for Madrid users**

Madrid users designating Japan in their international applications for trademark registration with a filing date on or after 1 April 2023 will have to pay a lump-sum individual fee, instead of two-part individual fees under the Madrid Protocol.

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### **Mauritius to charge individual fee under Madrid Protocol**

On 6 February 2023, the Government of Mauritius acceded to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and deposited two related declarations and notifications, along with the instrument accession, with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

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### **Madrid Protocol fees revised for Switzerland**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization on 1 March 2023 notified revised individual fees applicable when Switzerland is designated in an international application or in an application for renewal of international registration or is a subject of subsequent designation.

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### **Taiwan updates list of goods and services for trademark registration**

On 1 January 2023, the Taiwanese Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) updated its list of Description of Designated Goods and Services for Trademark Registration on its electronic trademark application system in line with the Nice Classification.

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## USPTO suspends action on trademark applications critical of govt officials

On 22 February 2023, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued its Examination Guide 1-23 to notify that it will suspend action on applications that involve trademarks critical of government officials or public figures.

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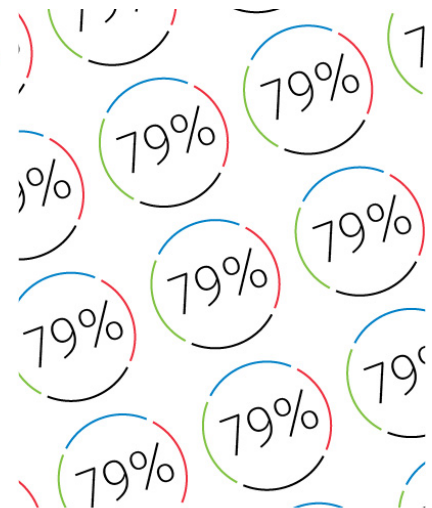
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