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Trademark News: What you might have missed in May 2023

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All trademark news that you might have missed last month in one convenient overview. Read up on the latest news reported by the Kluwer IP Reporter.

EUIPO implements 2023 edition of Examination Guidelines

The European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) started implementing the latest edition of the Guidelines for examination of European Union trademarks and registered Community designs with effect from 31 March 2023.

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EUIPN publishes manual on types of marks and their distinctiveness

On 17 April 2023, the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN) published a Manual on Types of Marks and Distinctiveness of Trade Marks in collaboration with the Intellectual Property (IP) offices/registries of the CARIFORUM States—namely, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

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India reverts abandoned trademark applications to original status

To comply with the 13 April 2023 decision of the High Court of Delhi, India, in Intellectual Property Attorneys Association (IPAA) & Anr. v. The Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks & Anr., the Indian Controller General of Patent, Design and Trade Marks (office) issued a public notice on 21 April 2023 announcing the withdrawal of two notices issued on 6 February 2023 and another two notices issued on 27 March 2023, which called for a mass abandonment of pending trademark applications that did not meet the office's specified deadlines.

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USPTO invites entries for Trademarks for Humanity awards

On 10 April 2023, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a press release announcing the launch of a Trademarks for Humanity awards program that seeks to identify and publicly reward brand owners who are utilizing their trademarks to address global humanitarian challenges.

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Madrid Protocol fees revised for Guernsey

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 26 April 2023 notified the revised individual fees payable when the Bailiwick of Guernsey 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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Montenegro accedes to Singapore Treaty on trademarks

On 24 April 2023, the Government of Montenegro acceded to the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks by depositing its instrument of accession with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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Paraguay trademark data now available on TMclass

The National Directorate of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Paraguay (DINAPI) joined TMclass on 8 May 2023 and started using and accepting the terms from the alphabetical list of the Nice classification in Spanish.

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Madrid Protocol fees revised for Syria

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 9 May 2023 notified revised individual fees applicable when Syrian Arab Republic 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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Tunisia accedes to Geneva Act of Lisbon Agreement

On 6 April 2023, the Government of the Republic of Tunisia joined the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications (Geneva Act) by depositing its instrument of accession with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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Ukraine adopts law on GI protection for spirit drinks

The Ukrainian Parliament has recently adopted a bill on geographical indications (GIs) for spirit drinks to fulfil its obligations concerning spirit drink regulation under the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (Regulation). The new law will come into effect from 29 December 2024, after a two-year transition period from the date the President signed it into law on 25 December 2022.

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UAE simplifies trademark renewal procedure

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) trademark office has recently started allowing the renewal of trademark applications without a legalised power of attorney (POA).

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USPTO announces public hearing on trademark fee schedule

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has announced in a notice published in the Federal Register on 27 April 2023 that the Trademark Public Advisory Committee (TPAC) will hold a hybrid public meeting on 5 June 2023 from 1 to 3 p.m. ET regarding its proposed trademark fee schedule.

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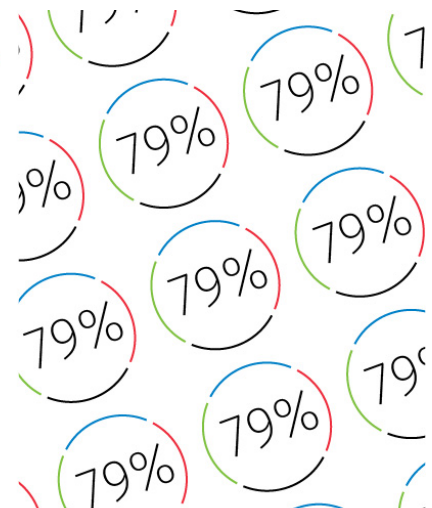
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