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China updates Madrid Protocol requirements for collective and certification marks

On 16 January 2025, the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) notified the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) of its documentation requirements applicable to collective and certification marks designating China in an international application or in a subsequent designation under the provisions of the Madrid Protocol concerning the International Registration of Marks.

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Hong Kong introduces new IP forms and e-filing system

On 28 January 2025, the Intellectual Property Department of Hong Kong (IPD) announced that new trademarks, patents and designs forms, along with updates to the e-filing system, will be introduced from 16 May 2025.

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IP Australia launches IP Rights Overview tool

The Intellectual Property Office of Australia (IP Australia) has launched a new data tool called IP Rights Overview, a user-friendly tool that enables users to explore expeditiously the latest trends and developments in intellectual property (IP).

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Iraq adopts 11th edition of Nice Classification

To ensure that all trademark examiners follow uniform standards and all examinations for similarity of goods or services are conducted in accordance with uniform rules, Iraq has adopted the 11th edition of the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification) with effect from 14 January 2025.

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Madrid Protocol fees revised for Israel

In accordance with 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 (WIPO) announced on 17 January 2025 the revised individual fees payable when Israel is designated in an international application or in an application for renewal of an international registration or is a subject of a subsequent designation.

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Madrid Protocol fees revised for Türkiye

Under the provisions of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks, the World Intellectual Property Organization on 5 February 2025 notified revised individual fees applicable when Türkiye 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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Monaco aligns with CP14 practice standards

On 22 January 2025, the Industrial Property Office of the Business Development Agency of Monaco (MCIPO) adopted the Common Practice (CP14) developed by the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN) for assessing public policy and morality in trademark applications.

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U.S. court upholds cancellation of pink ceramic hip component trademarks

On 3 January 2025, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) affirmed the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board's (TTAB) decision to cancel trademark registrations for pink ceramic hip components, concluding that the color pink was functional.

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Yemen updates its trademark application policy

On 22 January 2025, the Yemeni Trademark Office (TMO) in Sana'a implemented Ministerial Decision No. 53/2024, updating its trademark application policy.

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