

## **Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks**

### **Communication Regarding the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS)**

1. MGS (<http://www.wipo.int/mgs/>) is the online tool of the Madrid System designed for compiling and translating lists of goods and services selected from a database that has been correctly classified according to the most recent edition and version of the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification).

#### Launch of the Korean interface of MGS

2. On June 1, 2014, the Korean interface of MGS, developed in cooperation with the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), was launched on the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) public web site, bringing the number of language interfaces available to 16, in addition to Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Spanish and Turkish.

#### “Check acceptance by WIPO” function

3. As from April 2014, the function “*Check acceptance by WIPO*” was expanded with numerous indications of goods and services that are deemed acceptable for operational purposes during examination of international applications in the International Bureau of WIPO. With the progressive use of more and more of these “operationally acceptable” indications in the future, this function will more closely reflect the Nice classification examination policy of the Madrid Registry.

#### “Check acceptance by designated Contracting Party (dCP)” function

4. Since May 2013, the “*Check acceptance by designated Contracting Party (dCP)*” function has been extended to a total of 19 participating Contracting Parties, including the recent addition of the following Contracting Parties:

- Belarus,
- the Republic of Korea,
- Serbia, and
- Ukraine.

5. It is recalled that the function “*Check acceptance by designated Contracting Party (dCP)*” facilitates Madrid System procedures in that it enables international applicants to determine whether indications, compiled from MGS and contained in their lists of goods and services, would be acceptable to, or even more importantly refused by, participating Contracting Parties. Thus, international applicants obtain useful information on indications that would provoke a provisional refusal from a specific Contracting Party.

6. The International Bureau of WIPO is also pleased to announce that MGS now features:

- an improved Search function on single characters in the Asian languages;
- over 53,000 English terms, grouped in some 34,000 concepts, each of these concepts describing a unique good or service;
- the acceptance status by MGS participating countries of the class headings of the Nice Classification;
- an improved menu of display options;
- an optional display of basic numbers for indications of the Nice Classification; and
- a direct link to the Nice Classification web site.

7. It is recalled that a promotional video, presenting MGS, is available at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/services/>.

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