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MADRID AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Amendment to the Administrative Instructions

- 1. In accordance with Rule 41(1)(a) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has, after consulting the Offices of the Contracting Parties, amended Section 4 of the Administrative Instructions by the inclusion of a new sub-paragraph.
- 2. The text of this new provision reads as follows:

"Section 4: Other Official Forms

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- (i) A declaration of intention to use the mark in respect of a Contracting Party which has made a notification in accordance with Rule 7(2) shall, where this notification requires the said declaration to be made on a separate official form, be made on form MM18 which shall be annexed to the international application or to the subsequent designation, as the case may be".
- 3. This amendment will take effect from November 2, 2003. It results from the notification made by the United States of America under Rule 7(2) of the Common Regulations, in accordance with which the United States of America will require, as a designated Contracting Party, a declaration of intention to use the mark to be made on a *separate official form* annexed to the international application or to a subsequent designation.
- 4. Form MM18, referred to in Section 4(i) above, will be available shortly on the International Marks page on WIPO's website, at the following address: *www.wipo.int*. Explanations concerning the use of that form will be set out in a separate information notice.

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