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**Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks**

**Notification made under Rule 20*bis*(6)(b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement: Declaration that the recording of licenses in the International Register has no effect in The Gambia**

 As provided for in Rule 20*bis*(6)(b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement (“the Common Regulations”), the Government of The Gambia has notified the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) that the recording of licenses in the International Register shall have no effect in The Gambia.

2. Consequently, a license relating to an international registration of a mark which has been granted with respect to The Gambia shall, in order to have effect in that Contracting Party, be recorded in the national Register of the Office of The Gambia. The formalities required for such recording must be completed directly with the Office of The Gambia and according to the conditions laid down by the legislation of that Contracting Party.

3. The notification made by the Government of The Gambia under Rule 20*bis*(6)(b) of the Common Regulations shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Madrid Protocol with respect to The Gambia, namely, December 18, 2015.

December 15, 2015