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PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE MADRID AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Ratification by Ireland

1. On July 19, 2001, the Government of the Republic of Ireland deposited with the Director General of WIPO its instrument of ratification of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The Madrid Protocol will enter into force with respect to Ireland on October 19, 2001.
2. The said instrument of ratification was accompanied by the following declarations:
 - the declaration that, pursuant to Article 5(2)(b) of the said Protocol, the time limit of one year to exercise the right to notify a refusal of protection referred to in Article 5(2)(a) thereof is replaced by 18 months and that, under Article 5(2)(c) of the said Protocol, where refusal of protection may result from an opposition to the granting of protection, such refusal may be notified after the expiry of the 18-month time limit;
 - the declaration that, in accordance with Article 8(7)(a) of the Madrid Protocol, the Government of Ireland wants to receive, in connection with each international registration in which Ireland is mentioned under Article 3^{ter} of the said Protocol, and in connection with the renewal of any such international registration, instead of a share in the revenue produced by the supplementary and complementary fees, an individual fee. The amounts in Swiss francs of the said individual fees will be published as soon as they have been established in accordance with Rule 35(2)(b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol.
3. Ratification of the Madrid Protocol by Ireland brings the number of members of the Madrid Union to 69. Besides, it is worth mentioning that, with the ratification of Ireland, all members of the European Union are now party to the Protocol and the number of States party to the Protocol (53) now exceeds the number of States party to the Madrid Agreement (52).
4. A list of the members of the Madrid Union, with information on the dates on which they became bound by the Madrid Agreement or the Protocol, as well as on declarations made under the two treaties, is available under the heading “List of Members” on the page entitled “Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks” of WIPO’s website, at the following address: www.wipo.int.

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