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MADRID AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS AND PROTOCOL RELATING THERETO

Effect of the Recording of Licenses in the International Register: Japan

1. The Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol as amended in 2001 will allow the recording of licenses in the International Register as from April 1, 2002.
2. Its Rule 20 *bis*(6)(b) stipulates that an Office of a Contracting Party whose law does provide for the recording of trademark licenses but does not recognize the effects of licenses recorded in the International Register may notify the Director General, before April 1, 2002, that the recording of licenses in the International Register has no effect in that Contracting Party.
3. Such a notification has been made by Japan, according to which any recording of license made under Rule 20 *bis*(3) of the Common Regulations has no effect in that country.

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