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MADRID AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Restriction of the Holder's Right of Disposal: Establishment of a New Unofficial Form (MM19)

1. Under Rule 20(1)(a) and (b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol, the holder of an international registration, the Office of the Contracting Party of the holder, or the Office of any designated Contracting Party, may inform the International Bureau that the holder's right to dispose of the international registration has been restricted. (Rule 20(1)(c) provides that such information should consist of a summary statement of the main facts concerning the restriction.)
2. The Common Regulations do not require the use of an official form for the purpose of informing the International Bureau of such restriction. A simple letter, therefore, is sufficient.
3. However, for the convenience of users of the Madrid system, a new *optional* form has been made available for the purpose of requesting the recording in the International Register of a restriction of the holder's right of disposal. The new form (MM19) is available on WIPO's website at www.wipo.int (under the headings "Activities and Services", "International Marks" and "Forms").
4. Although not compulsory, the use of such form is highly recommended by the International Bureau with a view, in particular, to avoiding a number of irregularities on the part of users.
5. It is also recalled that there is no fee payable in connection with the request to record such a restriction in the International Register, and that no supporting documentation concerning the said restriction is to be sent to the International Bureau.

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