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MADRID PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Documentation concerning seniority claims: European Community

1. On August 11, 2006, the Office of the European Community (hereinafter called “OHIM”) has communicated to the International Bureau the following:

– “Further to Decision No. XE-05-5 of the President of the OHIM of June 1, 2005, concerning, among other, the evidence to be provided when claiming seniority pursuant to Rule 108 of the Regulation implementing the Community Trade Mark Regulation, the documentation in support of a seniority claim will not have to be filed unless so requested by OHIM, within a time limit set by it. When applicable, the requested documentation will consist of original documents (certificates, extracts), copies or printouts from official databases (see Decision No. EX-03-05 of the President of the OHIM of January 20, 2003)”.

2. Accordingly, paragraphs 3 and 4 of Information Notice No. 20/2004 entitled “Claiming of Seniority: European Community” are no longer relevant.

3. For further information concerning the above matter, users are invited to contact OHIM directly.

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