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MADRID AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Electronic Renewal of International Registrations

1. As from April 3, 2006, an electronic interface for the renewal of international registrations on-line (“e-renewal”) will be available on the following WIPO website on the Internet: <http://www.wipo.int/e-marks>.
2. The WIPO e-renewal system is a simple and efficient way of renewing international registrations up to six months before the date on which the payment of the renewal fee is due (“the due date”). Users will only need to enter the number of the international registration to be renewed. A screen will then show the name of the holder of that international registration, the name of the representative, if any, and the list of the Contracting Parties for which the international registration can be renewed. After having selected from that list the Contracting Parties for which renewal is sought, the amount of fees to be paid will automatically appear on the screen.
3. Payment can be made by *credit card* or through a *current account opened with WIPO*. However, payment by credit card will be available only from three months before the due date.
4. It should be noted, however, that in exceptional cases concerning international registrations which have been the subject of a limitation or another modification, the e-renewal system will not become available as from its introduction on April 3, 2006, as the number of classes per designated Contracting Party cannot be determined automatically in these cases. When the system finds such a case, the user will be so informed on the screen.
5. It will of course remain possible to request renewal of international registrations non-electronically, on paper.

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