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Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

Amendment of Rule 32 of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol

1.   At its forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session, which took place in Geneva from September 26 to October 5, 2011, the Assembly of the Madrid Union adopted an amendment to Rule 32 of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement, concerning the publication of the *WIPO Gazette of International Marks*, hereinafter referred to as "the Gazette".

2.   In early 2010, the International Bureau introduced an electronic version of the Gazette, which can be browsed by chapter or searched by mark. As from January, 2011, with the discontinuation of the versions on CD-ROM and in PDF, the electronic version, free of charge, became the only version of the Gazette. The introduction of the Gazette in electronic form, facilitated by emerging publication technology, had thus made Rule 32(3) outdated.

3.   The amendment adopted by the Assembly of the Madrid Union came into force on January 1, 2012, and provides, in new paragraph (3), that, as from that date, the Gazette shall be published on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization. The amended provision is reproduced on page 2 of the present Information Notice.

4.   For those who seek more detailed background information concerning the amendment referred to above, reference is made to document MM/A/44/1, which is available at the following address: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=23140.

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(3) The Gazette shall be published on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization.