Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

Communication Regarding the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS)

1.   The former Madrid System Goods and Services Manager (GSM) is renamed the Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS).

2.   MGS is an online tool of the Madrid system which allows compiling and translating lists of goods and services selected from a database containing over 40,000 indications in English, properly classified according to the most recent edition of the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks under the Nice Agreement (the Nice Classification).

3.   As of May 1, 2013, there are 15 languages available in MGS. In addition to the 10 languages already available (English, Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish) the following five languages have been added:

   –   Chinese (simplified),
   –   Chinese (traditional),
   –   Japanese,
   –   Norwegian,
   –   Turkish.

4.   Moreover, the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is pleased to announce that in this new version of MGS:

   –   the "*Translate into*" function has been extended to provide users with the possibility of an instant, high-quality translation into any of the 15 MGS languages, free of charge;

   –   the "*Check acceptance by designated Contracting Party (dCP)*" function has been introduced. This function enables users to determine whether indications, compiled from MGS and contained in the lists of goods and services, would be acceptable to selected Contracting Parties.

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5.   These two new developments may benefit users in a number of ways, particularly:

–   users wishing to file an international application may, for the purposes of establishing a basic mark, compile lists of goods and services using terms that are classified according to the latest version of the Nice Classification and acceptable by both the International Bureau of WIPO and the Contracting Parties to be designated in the said international application. Users could thus avoid indications which may result in irregularities or provisional refusals;

–   users may compile lists of indications of goods or services in any of the languages available in MGS, and translate these lists into any other available language for the purposes of filing an application for registration in a national or regional Office.

6.   A promotional video, a flyer and a video tutorial presenting MGS are available at the following address: http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/services/.

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