

MADRID PROTOCOL

NOTE FOR FILING

MODEL FORM 18 (MF18): COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF A DESIGNATED CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE HOLDER SENT THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Rule 23*bis* of the Regulations

The Office may use this form to transmit to the holder who has no local address for service to receive notifications or local representation a communication concerning an international registration through the International Bureau.

Such communication could concern, for example, a cancellation action initiated by a third party in the Contracting Party concerned with a time limit set for the holder to respond and defend their right.

The Office should provide a summary of the type of communication (for example, notification concerning a request for cancellation, office action concerning declaration of actual and effective use of the mark, information concerning potential prior rights etc.) and details of any time limits as well as other requirements.

The International Bureau will transmit the communication to the holder on the Office's behalf, in the format established by the International Bureau, without examining its contents or recording it in the International Register.

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