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TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATIONS FOR WHICH FEES HAVE BEEN PAID FOR 20 YEARS

**(Rule 40(3) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement
and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement)**

Where an international registration for which the required fees have been paid for 20 years is the subject of a subsequent designation on a date later than March 31, 1996, and where the current term of protection of that international registration expires more than 10 years after the effective date of the subsequent designation, the following provisions shall apply:

Six months before the expiry of the first period of 10 years of the current term of protection of the international registration, the International Bureau shall send to the holder and his representative, if any, a notice indicating the exact date of expiry of the first period of 10 years and the Contracting Parties which were the subject of subsequent designations after March 31, 1996.

For the second period of 10 years from the date of the international registration, the payment of the complementary fee of 73 Swiss francs or, where appropriate, the individual fee is required in respect of each Contracting Party designated after March 31, 1996.

This is illustrated by the following example:

An international registration effected on January 1, 1990, and for which the fees have been paid for a period of 20 years expires on January 1, 2010. This registration is the subject of a subsequent designation on July 1, 1996, of three countries, namely France, Germany and Norway. The current term of protection of this registration expires more than 10 years after July 1, 1996, the date of the subsequent designation of the three countries mentioned above.

Six months before the expiry of the first period of 10 years of the current term of protection of the international registration, that is, on July 1, 1999, the International Bureau will send to the holder and his representative, if any, a notice indicating the date of expiry of the first period of 10 years and the Contracting Parties which were the subject of subsequent designations later than March 31, 1996, namely France, Germany and Norway, in respect of which the holder or the representative must pay the complementary fee of 73 Swiss francs or the individual fee.

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