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MADRID PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Accession by the United States of America

1. On August 2, 2003, the Government of the United States of America deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The Madrid Protocol will enter into force with respect to the United States of America on November 2, 2003.
2. The said instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations:
 - the declaration referred to in Article 5(2)(b) and (c) of the Protocol, whereby the time limit of one year to notify a provisional refusal of protection is replaced by 18 months and a provisional refusal resulting from an opposition may be notified after the expiry of the 18-month time limit;
 - the declaration referred to in Article 8(7)(a) of the Protocol, whereby the United States of America wants to receive an individual fee in connection with each international registration in which they are designated and in connection with the renewal of such registration (instead of a share in the revenue produced by the supplementary and complementary fees).
3. The amounts in Swiss francs of the said individual fees will be published as soon as they have been established in accordance with Rule 35(2)(b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol.
4. Accession to the Madrid Protocol by the United States of America brings the number of Contracting Parties of the Protocol to 59. A list of the members of the Madrid Union and information on the dates on which these Contracting Parties became party to the Madrid Agreement or the Protocol, as well as on declarations made under these two treaties, are available under the heading “List of Members” on the International Marks page on WIPO’s website, at the following address: www.wipo.int.

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