

Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

Amendments to Rules 7, 24 and 40 of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol

1. At its forty-fifth (26th extraordinary) session, which took place in Geneva from October 1 to 9, 2012, the Assembly of the Madrid Union adopted amendments to Rules 7, 24 and 40 of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the Common Regulations).
2. The fact that there remained no standing notification made under deleted Rule 7(1) of the Common Regulations, led to consequential amendments to Rules 7(3)(b) and 24(2)(a)(i) of the said Regulations.
3. Furthermore, the transitional provision in Rule 40(5) of the Common Regulations has been deleted, as it was no longer applicable.
4. The amendments adopted by the Assembly of the Madrid Union came into effect on January 1, 2013. The amended provisions are reproduced in page 2 of the present Information Notice.
5. For those who seek more detailed background information concerning the amendments referred to above, reference is made to document MM/A/45/1, which is available at the following address: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26253.

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**Common Regulations under
the Madrid Agreement Concerning
the International Registration of Marks
and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement**

(as in force on January 1, 2013)

LIST OF RULES

[...]

**Chapter 1
General Provisions**

[...]

*Rule 7
Notification of Certain Special Requirements*

[...]

(3) *[Notification]* (a) [...]

(b) Any notification made under paragraph (2) may be withdrawn at any time. The notice of withdrawal shall be addressed to the Director General. The withdrawal shall have effect upon receipt of the notice of withdrawal by the Director General or at any later date indicated in the notice.

**Chapter 5
Subsequent Designations; Changes**

*Rule 24
Designation Subsequent to the International Registration*

[...]

(2) *[Presentation; Form and Signature]* (a) A subsequent designation shall be presented to the International Bureau by the holder or by the Office of the Contracting Party of the holder; however,

(i) [Deleted]

[...]

[...]

[...]

**Chapter 9
Miscellaneous**

[...]

*Rule 40
Entry into Force; Transitional Provisions*

[...]

(5) [Deleted]