

## **Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks**

### **Notification under new Rule 40(6) of the Common Regulations: New Zealand**

1. The Government of New Zealand has notified the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in accordance with new Rule 40(6) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement (the Common Regulations), which entered into force on February 1, 2019.
2. According to the said notification, new Rules *27bis*(1) and *27ter*(2)(a) of the Common Regulations are not compatible with the law of New Zealand and do not apply in respect of New Zealand. As a result, the Office of New Zealand will not present to the International Bureau of WIPO requests for the division of an international registration under new Rule *27bis*(1) nor requests for the merger of international registrations resulting from division under new Rule *27ter*(2)(a).
3. Further details on the new Rules that entered into force on February 1, 2019, including new Rule 40(6), can be found in Information Notice No 21/2018.

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