

INTERNATIONAL UNION

CUBA

Adhesion

to the Agreement of Madrid for the Prevention of False
or Misleading Indications of Source
(Lisbon Text)

According to a communication received from the Federal Political Department, the following note was addressed by the Embassies of the Swiss Confederation in the countries of the Paris Union to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of those countries:

(Translation)

"In compliance with the instructions dated September 11, 1964, of the Federal Political Department, the Swiss Embassy has the honour to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba at Berne has sent to the Swiss Government on July 24, 1964, the instrument of adhesion by Cuba to the Agreement of Madrid for the Prevention of False or Misleading Indications of Source of April 14, 1891, revised at Washington on June 2, 1911, at The Hague on November 6, 1925, at London on June 2, 1934, and at Lisbon on October 31, 1958.

"In application of Article 16 of the Convention of Paris for the Protection of Industrial Property, to which Article 6 (2) of the Agreement of Madrid refers, this adhesion will take effect on October 11, 1964."

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The Agreement of Madrid, as revised at Lisbon, has now been ratified by the following six countries: France, Federal Republic of Germany, Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Principality of Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Switzerland; Cuba has adhered to it.

LUXEMBURG

Ratification

of the Agreement of Madrid concerning the International
Registration of Trademarks (Nice Text)

According to a communication received from the Federal Political Department, the following note was addressed by the Embassies of the Swiss Confederation in the countries of the Paris Union to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of those countries:

(Translation)

"The Swiss Embassy has the honour to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that, according to a recent communication from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, addressed to the Swiss Embassy in Paris, Luxemburg has deposited in

Paris on January 20, 1964, its instrument of ratification in respect of the Agreement of Madrid concerning the International Registration of Trademarks of April 14, 1891, as last revised at Nice on June 15, 1957.

"The Embassy further adds that the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, in a note to its Embassy in Rome dated February 12, 1964, invoked the benefits of Article 3^{bis} of this Agreement."

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With this ratification, there are now 11 States which have so far ratified or adhered to the Nice Text.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Agreement of Madrid

concerning the International Registration of Trademarks
(Nice Text)

Supplementary communication

According to a communication received from the Federal Political Department, the following note was addressed by the Embassies of the Swiss Confederation in the countries of the Paris Union to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of those countries:

(Translation)

"The Swiss Embassy has the honour to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the following:

"In a note dated February 2, 1961¹⁾, the Embassy had informed the Ministry of the deposit, in Paris, on October 21, 1960, of the instrument of ratification by the Czechoslovak Republic in respect of the Agreement of Madrid concerning the International Registration of Trademarks of April 14, 1891, as last revised at Nice on June 15, 1957.

"According to a recent communication from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the above-mentioned instrument of ratification was accompanied by a declaration invoking the benefits of Article 3^{bis} of the said Agreement. The declaration stated that:

'Within the meaning of Article 3^{bis} the protection arising from the international registry of the trademark shall apply to Czechoslovak territory only if the applicant files an explicit request to this effect.'

"The Ministry is invited to take note of this declaration which, until now, was unknown to the Swiss Government."

¹⁾ See *Industrial Property Quarterly*, 1961, No. 1, p. 36.