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MADRID AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

Amendment to the Schedule of Fees – Reduction of Fees for International Applications Originating from Least Developed Countries

1. At its thirty-sixth session, held in Geneva in September 2005, the Assembly of the Madrid Union adopted an amendment to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol. The purpose of the amendment is to introduce a reduction in the amount of the basic fee payable in connection with the international registration of a mark under the Madrid System, for the benefit of applicants originating from Least Developed Country (LDC) members of the Madrid Union.
2. The fee reduction concerns only the basic fee payable to the International Bureau, which currently amounts to 653 Swiss francs or 903 Swiss francs, depending on whether the reproduction of the mark is in black and white, or in color. The fee reduction is to be offered to all applicants having a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment, or a domicile, in an LDC, or being a national of an LDC, and who utilize the trademark office of such LDC as the office of origin when filing an international application. For such applicants, the basic fee will amount to 65 Swiss francs or 90 Swiss francs, depending on whether the reproduction of the mark is in black and white, or in color.
3. At present, the list of LDCs comprises 50 States, of which seven are party to the Madrid System, namely: Bhutan, Lesotho, Liberia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Zambia.
4. The list of LDCs, which is maintained and updated on a regular basis by the United Nations, may be consulted on the United Nations website and on the WIPO website, at the following URLs respectively: www.un.org and www.wipo.int/eds.ldcs.
5. The above amendment to the Schedule of Fees, as set out in the Annex to the present Information Notice, will enter into force on January 1, 2006.

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ANNEX

SCHEDULE OF FEES

(in force on January 1, 2006)

Swiss francs

1. *International applications governed exclusively by the Agreement*
 - 1.1 Basic fee (Article 8(2)(a) of the Agreement)*
 - 1.1.1 where no reproduction of the mark is in color 653
 - 1.1.2 where any reproduction of the mark is in color 903
 - [...]
2. *International applications governed exclusively by the Protocol*
 - 2.1 Basic fee (Article 8(2)(i) of the Protocol)*
 - 2.1.1 where no reproduction of the mark is in color 653
 - 2.1.2 where any reproduction of the mark is in color 903
 - [...]
3. *International applications governed by both the Agreement and the Protocol*
 - 3.1 Basic fee*
 - 3.1.1 where no reproduction of the mark is in color 653
 - 3.1.2 where any reproduction of the mark is in color 903
 - [...]

* For international applications filed by applicants whose country of origin is a Least Developed Country, in accordance with the list established by the United Nations, the basic fee is reduced to 10% of the prescribed amount (rounded to the nearest full figure). In such case, the basic fee will amount to 65 Swiss francs (where no reproduction of the mark is in color) or to 90 Swiss francs (where any reproduction of the mark is in color).