

Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

Accession to the Madrid Protocol: New Zealand

1. On September 10, 2012, the Government of New Zealand deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (“the Protocol”). The Protocol will enter into force, with respect to New Zealand, on December 10, 2012.
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 New Zealand wishes to receive an individual fee where it is designated in an international application, in a designation subsequent to an international registration or in respect of the renewal of an international registration (instead of a share in the revenue produced by the supplementary and complementary fees). The amounts, in Swiss francs, of the said individual fee will be the subject of a separate information notice; and
 - consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, accession to the Protocol by New Zealand shall not extend to Tokelau, unless and until a declaration to that effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the depositary, on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory.
3. Accession to the Protocol by New Zealand brings the number of Contracting Parties of the Protocol to 87 and the total number of Contracting Parties of the Madrid system to 88. A list of the members of the Madrid Union and information on the dates on which these Contracting Parties became a party to the Madrid Agreement and/or the Madrid Protocol are available on WIPO’s web site, at the following address: www.wipo.int/madrid/en/members.