

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

### **Syrian Arab Republic: Deadline to Submit a Legalized Power of Attorney When Filing an Appeal Against a Provisional Refusal Concerning a Designation of the Syrian Arab Republic Made in an International Registration**

1. The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has received a letter from the Office of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning a deferral of the expiry of the time limit to file an appeal against a provisional refusal with respect to a designation of the Syrian Arab Republic made in an international registration.
2. The Office of the Syrian Arab Republic is aware of the difficulties encountered by holders of international registrations seeking to appeal a provisional refusal, in particular, the time required by non-residents to obtain a legalized power of attorney, appointing a local representative, in order to file an appeal before the Office. The time required to grant such legalized power of attorney often exceeds the time limit to file an appeal against a provisional refusal, which is 30 days from the date on which the holder of the international registration receives the notification of provisional refusal sent by the International Bureau of WIPO.
3. Any holder of an international registration wishing to file an appeal against a provisional refusal issued by the Office of the Syrian Arab Republic will be allowed to do so directly before the Office, within 30 days from the date on which the holder received the notification of provisional refusal sent by the International Bureau of WIPO. After receiving the appeal, the Office of the Syrian Arab Republic will freeze the proceedings for a period of three months as from the date on which the appeal was filed, to allow for the submission of the required power of attorney appointing a local representative.
4. Users of the Madrid system may contact the Office of the Syrian Arab Republic for further information concerning this matter.

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