

NOTE FOR FILING FORM MM23: REQUEST FOR THE MERGER OF INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATIONS RESULTING FROM THE RECORDING OF A PARTIAL CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

[Form MM23](#) (Mandatory): Request for the merger of international registrations resulting from the recording of a partial change in ownership (Rule 27*ter*(1) of the Regulations under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Use this form to request the merger of one or more international registrations, which were previously separated from the same original international registration following the recording of a partial change in ownership. It is not possible to merge international registrations that originated as separate international applications.

IS THIS THE RIGHT FORM?

Do not use this form to request the merger of international registrations resulting from the recording of division. Use form [MM24](#) for this purpose.

THE EFFECT OF THE RECORDING OF A MERGER

Once the merger has been recorded, WIPO will inform the holder and the Offices of the Contracting Parties concerned.

The number of the merged international registration will always be the same, but whether it is followed by a letter (A, B, etc.) will depend on the special circumstances of the international registrations that are subject of the merger. For example, where the “children” (i.e., the separated registration numbers, 123456**A** and 123456**B**) are merged with the “mother” (i.e., the original international registration number 123456), the resulting registration will have the original international registration number (i.e., without any capital letter). Whereas, if the “children” (i.e., the separated registrations 123456**A** and 123456**B**) covering the same goods are merged together, the resulting registration will have the original registration number plus the capital letter used in the first separated registration, in this example, 123456**A**.

HOW TO SUBMIT THIS FORM

You may submit this request directly to WIPO by using [Contact Madrid](#) (under “My request concerns”, select the topic “a form submission”). Alternatively, you may submit this form through the Office of the Contracting Party of the holder. However, before doing so, you will need to check with the Office on how to submit the form – on paper or by electronic means.

FEE INFORMATION

There is no fee payable to WIPO for the recording of a merger.

E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE HOLDER AND WIPO'S ONLINE SERVICES

Where you have not already done so, for example, in the international application, you must provide (or update) your e-mail address using [Contact Madrid](#) (under “My request concerns” select the topic “a change in contact details of the holder”). Holders cannot indicate the e-mail address of their representative as their own. Therefore, the e-mail address of the holder and of the representative must be different.

Please note, WIPO will not include the e-mail address of applicants, holders or representatives on the Madrid System online information services (e.g., Madrid Monitor, Madrid Real-time Status) nor publish such information in the [WIPO Gazette of International Marks](#).

Where a representative is appointed, WIPO will send all communications **only** to the e-mail address of the representative¹.

Where a representative is not appointed, WIPO will send all communications to the e-mail address provided for the holder or to the alternative e-mail address for correspondence where one has been provided.

E-mail is the fastest, most efficient and secure means for WIPO to transmit information effectively to its users. You will receive time-sensitive electronic communications from Offices of designated Contracting Parties without delay. If you have already provided an e-mail address, please ensure it is up to date.

WIPO has developed a number of useful online tools and services. To have access to these tools and services you will need a WIPO Account. The WIPO Account will give you access to WIPO's online tools and services that have been designed to help you manage in one place your entire portfolio of internationally registered trademarks that are recorded with the same e-mail address.

Monitoring your request

[Madrid Monitor](#) provides real-time monitoring of requests as they are being processed by WIPO. To monitor the status of your request, click the “Real-time Status” tab when viewing a specific record, or enter your international registration number in the “Real-time Search” tab in Madrid Monitor.

¹ Where a representative has been appointed, WIPO will not send communications directly to the applicant or holder. There are a few exceptions to this rule:

- where the appointment of a representative is irregular, WIPO will inform both the applicant or holder and the purported representative;
- six months before the expiry of the term of protection, WIPO will send an unofficial notice to both the holder and the representative;
- where insufficient fees are paid for the purpose of renewal, WIPO will notify both the holder and the representative;
- where an international registration is not renewed or is not renewed in respect of a designated Contracting Party, WIPO will send a notification to the holder and the representative;
- where cancellation of the appointment is requested by the representative, WIPO will, until such time as the cancellation becomes effective, send communications to both the applicant or holder and the representative.

HOW TO FILL IN FORM MM23

The form must be typed. Handwritten forms will not be accepted.

NUMBER OF CONTINUATION SHEETS

If the space available in any part of the form is not sufficient, please use the last page of the form “Continuation Sheet” and indicate the number of Continuation Sheets attached here.

REFERENCE NUMBERS

The holder and the Office (if the request is presented through an Office) may indicate their own internal file reference. WIPO will include these references in any further communication concerning this form.

ITEM 1: NAME OF THE HOLDER

Indicate the holder’s name exactly as it is recorded in the International Register. Where the international registration is jointly owned indicate the names of each joint holder as recorded.

ITEM 2: INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Indicate the full international registration numbers that are to be merged, for example, 123456, 123456A, 123456B.

ITEM 3: SIGNATURE OF THE HOLDER AND/OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE

The holder or the holder’s representative must sign the form before presenting it directly to WIPO. If the form is not signed, the merger will not be recorded.

If the request is presented through, and signed by, an Office, the signature of the holder or the holder’s representative is not required and this item may be left blank. However, the Office may require or allow the holder (or representative) to sign this item.

The person signing this form must declare that he or she is entitled to do so under the applicable law.

Holder

Where the holder signs the form, indicate the name of the holder (including joint holders) exactly as recorded in the International Register.

Representative of the holder

Where the representative signs the form, indicate the name of the representative exactly as recorded in the International Register. If the representative signs the form, there is no need for the holder to sign it as well.

Where the holder or the representative is a legal entity, indicate the name as recorded in the International Register (not the name of the person signing the form on behalf of that legal entity).

Signature (holder/representative)

The signature must be handwritten, printed, typed or stamped.

ITEM 4: SIGNATURE OF THE OFFICE PRESENTING THE REQUEST

This item should only be filled out by the Office presenting the form.

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