

## **OPPOSITION PROCEDURES**

### **Objection against Registration of Marks**

Applications that meet the formal requirements shall be published in the Official Bulletin of the Patent Office. The publication shall be effected within one month following the end of the examination referred to in Article 36, and shall comprise the incoming number, the filing date or the priority date, as appropriate, data identifying the applicant, the kind and a representation of the mark, the claim of a colour or colours, the classes and the list of the goods and services it is applied for.

*An application shall not be published, if:*

- (i) it is withdrawn according to Article 38(1);
- (ii) it is deemed to be withdrawn according to Article 36(2);
- (iii) the proceedings are discontinued according to Article 36(5);
- (iv) before the preparations for the publication are over, but no later than four months following the filing date, an application for international registration of the same mark is filed for the purpose of enjoying a Convention priority.

***Within a period of two months following the publication date of the application, any person may file an objection against the registration of the mark on the ground of Articles 11 and 12.***

The objection shall be in writing and shall contain a statement of grounds and arguments.

***The person filing the objection shall not be a party to the application proceedings; however, he shall be entitled to get, on request, information concerning the outcome of the objection.***

***Any application shall be subjected to examination as to substance within one year following expiry of the term referred to in Article 36b(1), regardless of whether there is an objection lodged.***