RE: PROTECTION OF NAMES OF STATES

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB) is pleased to cooperate in sharing information about cases relevant to the protection of name of the State in the Republic of Lithuania.

Lithuanian Government has enacted certain regulations on the use of State symbols in trademarks, designs, domain names and business names of legal entities.

Applicant who wishes to register a trade mark or design with symbols of the State must request for an official permission from Minister of Justice under the pre-established eligibility criteria. A special commission adopts a proposal whether those criteria are met.

Persons registering business names of legal entities must also comply with pre-established eligibility criteria. Verification of the compliance to the criteria is done by the Ministry of Justice, notary or the Register of Legal Entities.

Applicant who wishes to register a domain name that contains the name of the State as a second level domain name before the top level domain “.lt”, has to receive a permission from the Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania, which is provided under the pre-established eligibility criteria.

In case you have further questions, please contact directly Ms. Rasa Burbaité, chief specialist of the Law and International Affairs Division (tel. +370 5 278 0279, email rasa.burbaite@vpb.gov.lt).

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