

1. Identification page

Please enter the ST.3 code and name of the member state or international organization you represent.

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Please enter your email address so we can contact you if we have questions about your response.

2. Questions page

1. In what formats does your Office/Organization ingest applications? Please select all that apply.

Other (specify):

Comments: The office tool for submitting applications is the "eFiling" online service (available at <https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/apply-now>). Existing files can be imported (and changed) from the EUTM repository or downloaded drafts. Applicants can also attach additional documents to their applications. As from the 1st of April 2022, The EUIPO has opened in a pilot phase the first public API based eFiling service for filing EUTMs, via its new API/development Portal and in accordance with the terms and conditions established at Executive Director's Decision EX-22-3. After the testing period, the Office is planning to make this service available to a wider group of interested customers, and extend it with more capabilities by the end of the year. Paper format can still be accepted when the online services are unavailable

2. How does your Office/Organization capture markups (insertions, deletions) in amendments, corrections, and rectifications? Please select all that apply.

Applicant submits clean copy of the amendments

Other (specify):

Comments: After filing the application, applicants can provide amended information using PDF forms provided by the EUIPO. They can also send corrections with a communication that they can submit via Post or via the eCommunication system provided by the EUIPO website. Generally the Office is not accepting amendments except for the changes listed at the EUIPO Records page (<https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/recordals>). During the application process, other changes are not accepted with the following exception: "The change of the following information is not possible unless requested on the same business day: Changing the trade mark, widening the list of goods and services and Getting a refund of the fees in cases of withdrawal"

3. Does your Office/Organization provide initial content-based validations to applicants prior to submission to reduce the number of formality non-compliances?

Yes

Comments:

4. What does your Office/Organization validate prior to submission? Please select all that apply.

Missing required application parts

Informalities such as typographical errors or missing claim numbers

Improper claim dependencies

Other (specify):

Comments: - Checking good and services against the Harmonized list. - Syntactical checks against the application. -

Correctness of Applicant and Representative data, incl. duplicates to avoid deficiencies.

5. Metadata Scrubbing

Does your Office/Organization provide a scrubbing tool to remove unwanted metadata from the documents prior to submission?

No

If yes, which types of metadata are removed?

6. Does your Office/Organization provide a feedback document, additional document or online messages during the filing process detailing potential problems within the submitted application documents based on the above validations?

Yes

Comments: The online procedure is guided. Suggestions, controlled vocabularies, explanation and help messages are available in any moment and for all the information requested to the applicant. Search report with conflicting trademarks across the EU are also provided (currently based on TMview data). A receipt is automatically provided at the end of the application process. It certifies the successful submission of the application.

7. What does your Office/Organization consider the authoritative copy of the submission?

Other (specify):

Comments: The output of the online application procedure is electronically stored in the internal repository of the EUIPO. The website generates a PDF and an XML version documents that contain the submitted data from the online application. This output is considered the authoritative copy of the submission. The PDF document is available online in "eSearch" application for the public.

8. If your Office/Organization converts or plans to convert the submitted document to XML, in which format would you preserve embedded images? Please select all that apply.

Comments: N/A

9. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve mathematical equations?

Other (specify): N/A

10. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve chemical formulae?

Comments: N/A

11. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve table or tabular data? Please select all that apply.

Comments: N/A

12. Is your Office/Organization moving away from paper-based rules for applicant submissions, such as page count, margins line spacing and focus more on the amount of characters/words in a document or file size?

We have already implemented it

Comments: The office has moved away from paper submission and accepts online submissions

13. If your Office/Organization is not considering moving away from paper-based rules, select the presentation elements

your Office/Organization needs to preserve from the submitted application documents. Please select all that apply.

Comments: N/A

14. Select the formats by which your Office/Organization displays or would display an application for examination or administration purposes. Select all that apply.

Originally submitted format using an appropriate software application

Converted format used by our Office/Organization

Comments:

15. Select the formats which your Office/Organization uses or would use to publish documents submitted by applicants.

Originally submitted format using an appropriate software application

Converted format used by our Office/Organization

Comments:

16. Specify the content management system your Office/Organization uses to store and manage documents. Please provide either names of commercial products or brief description of custom-built systems.

Our office stores the documents in a custom-built J2EE system based on Filenet Integrated Management System (IMS). This legacy system is planned to be modernized as a cloud-native application with appropriate technologies (such as MongoDB), in the context of the EUIPO Strategic Plan 2025 (SP2025).

17. In what formats do you publish your Official Gazette? Select all that apply.

Electronic format with paper-based layout (e.g. PDF)

Comments: IP Rights are published in the EUTM Bulletin (<https://euipo.europa.eu/eSearch/#advanced/bulletins>) Pursuant to Article 116 EUTMR, the Office publishes: (a) a European Union Trade Marks Bulletin containing publications of applications and of entries made in the Register as well as other particulars relating to applications or registrations of EU trade marks the publication of which is required under this Regulation or by acts adopted pursuant to it; (b) an Official Journal of the Office containing notices and information of a general character issued by the Executive Director, as well as any other information relevant to this Regulation or its implementation. The first bulletin of the year 2006 (No 2006/001) and all subsequent bulletins are available in electronic format only. Previous editions of the bulletins up until the year 2005 (included) are available in paper format only.

18. If you still publish in a physical format, are you considering discontinuing physical publication within the next five years?

Comments: N/A. We no longer publish in physical format

19. If you still publish in an electronic format with paper-based layout (e.g. PDF), are you considering discontinuing this format in favor of a purely digital format within the next five years?

Yes

Comments: The EUIPO is looking into converting its currently paper-based layout (PDF) to an online searchable format.

4. Thank You!

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