

INTERNATIONAL UNIONS

Madrid Agreement (Marks)

Ratification of the Nice Act

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According to a communication from the Swiss Federal Political Department, the latter addressed, on November 18, 1970, the following notification to the Governments of the Member States of the Paris Union for the Protection of Industrial Property¹:

“In a note dated March 21, 1968, confirmed on June 2, 1970, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Morocco, through the intermediary of its Embassy in France, notified the French Foreign Ministry in Paris of the ratification by the Kingdom of Morocco of the Madrid Agreement for the International Registration of Trade Marks as revised at Nice on June 15, 1957.

“According to the terms of the declaration of ratification, Morocco intends to avail itself of the right provided for in Article 3^{bis}(1) of the said Agreement.

“In conformity with Article 16(3) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, to which Article 12(3) of the Madrid Agreement refers, the above-mentioned ratification will take effect on December 18, 1970. Notification thereof is made in accordance with Article 16(2) of the said Paris Convention.”

¹ Translation of the Swiss Federal Political Department.

LEGISLATION

AFRICAN AND MALAGASY INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE (OAMPI)

Convention Relating to the Protection of Appellations of Origin

(Abidjan, January 10, 1969)*

The Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon,
The Government of the Central African Republic,
The Government of the Republic of Chad,
The Government of the People's Republic of the Congo,
The Government of the Republic of Dahomey,
The Government of the Gahonese Republic,

* WIPO translation.

The Government of the Republic of the Ivory Coast,
The Government of the Malagasy Republic,
The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania,
The Government of the Republic of the Niger,
The Government of the Republic of Senegal,
The Government of the Togolese Republic,
The Government of the Republic of the Upper Volta,

Inspired by the desire to further the quality and reputation of national goods;

Desiring to protect in as effective a manner as possible, on their own territories and abroad, appellations of origin designating such goods;

Undertaking, to this end, to accede to the Lisbon Agreement of October 31, 1958, for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration;

Considering that Article 11 of the Libreville Agreement of September 13, 1962, Relating to the Creation of an African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office provides that any task relating to the application of the laws of industrial property may be entrusted to the Office by unanimous decision of its Governing Body;

Noting the advantages presented by the adoption of a uniform law for the protection of appellations of origin, in enabling the Office to cooperate with States with a view to formulating measures for the application of such a law;

Have resolved to conclude a Convention for this purpose, and have designated, to this end, plenipotentiaries, who have agreed upon the following provisions:

Article 1

1. Appellations of origin shall be protected on the territory of the High Contracting Parties according to the provisions of the Uniform Law annexed to this Convention.

2. The Uniform Law is an integral part of this Convention.

Article 2

1. The Rules provided for in Article 2 of the Uniform Law shall be adopted by each of the High Contracting Parties, after consultation with the African and Malagasy Industrial Property Office.

2. The High Contracting Parties shall notify the Office:

(a) of the Rules adopted and the date of their entry into force;

(b) where applicable, of the international registrations effected in accordance with the Lisbon Agreement of October 31, 1958.

Article 3

1. Every High Contracting Party may, at any time, alter the maximum and minimum fines applicable to offenses provided for in Articles 4 and 5 of the Uniform Law annexed to this Convention.

2. Such changes and the date of their entry into force shall be notified to the Government of the Federal Republic of Cameroon.