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### MADRID PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

#### Acceptance by the Kingdom of the Netherlands of the Madrid Protocol in respect of the Netherlands Antilles

1. The Kingdom of the Netherlands has deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of acceptance, in respect of the Netherlands Antilles, of the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The Madrid Protocol will enter into force in respect of the Netherlands Antilles on April 28, 2003.
2. The Kingdom of the Netherlands has specified that the notifications made by this country under Article 9 *quater* of the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol (concerning a Common Office of several Contracting States) and under Article 8(7) of the Madrid Protocol (relating to individual fees) do not extend to the territory of the Netherlands Antilles and remain applicable only to the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.
3. Moreover, to the extent that the Netherlands Antilles has its own legislation in the field of marks and its own Office in charge of the registration of marks (the Benelux Trademark Convention and Law does not apply to the part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands situated outside Europe), protection of a mark in respect of the territory of the Netherlands Antilles shall be requested through a specific designation of the Netherlands Antilles, distinct from that of the Benelux. Such designation shall be accompanied by the payment of a complementary fee (73 Swiss francs) and the payment of a supplementary fee (73 Swiss francs for each class of goods and services beyond the third), independently of the fees which are required in the context of a designation of Benelux.
4. Furthermore, an application for international registration effected under the Madrid Protocol may be based on a mark filed with the Office of the Netherlands Antilles or registered by that Office. Such international application will have to be presented to the International Bureau by the Office of the Netherlands Antilles.
5. Finally, it will be possible to designate the Netherlands Antilles in respect of any international registration having the Benelux Office as Office of origin. Reciprocally, it will be possible to designate Benelux in respect of any international registration having the Office of the Netherlands Antilles as Office of origin.
6. A list of the members of the Madrid Union and information on the dates on which these Contracting Parties became party to the Madrid Agreement or the Protocol, as well as on declarations made under these two treaties, are available under the heading "List of Members" on the International Marks page on WIPO's website, at the following address: [www.wipo.int](http://www.wipo.int).

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