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## Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

## **New version of the Madrid Goods & Services Manager**

- 1. On January 1, 2012, the Goods & Services Manager (G&S Manager) was made available on-line in a new version reflecting the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification) that came into force on the same day.
- 2. This new version also features additional language interfaces, thus bringing the total of available languages to 10, including the three working languages of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks, namely English, French and Spanish. The additional languages are:
  - Arabic,
  - Dutch,
  - German,
  - Hebrew,
  - Italian,
  - Portuguese,
  - Russian.
- 3. The availability of the G&S Manager in various linguistic versions will enable applicants to compose a list of goods and services in their national language and get an automatic translation into one of the three working languages of the Madrid system for the purpose of filing an international application under the said system.
- 4. The G&S Manager gives access to thousands of standard terms (some 40,000 English terms in the new version) classified in accordance with the latest edition of the Nice Classification. By selecting terms from the G&S Manager, applicants can be confident that no irregularity notice will be issued by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) with respect to the classification or indication of those goods and services (Rules 12 and 13 of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol).
- 5. The G&S Manager is accessible at: <a href="http://www.wipo.int/gsmanager">http://www.wipo.int/gsmanager</a> or through the WIPO GOLD portal or WIPO's Public Internet site.

6. Other language versions of the G&S Manager are currently under preparation in cooperation with the Trademark Offices of Madrid Union members and some of these languages should be available on-line in the course of 2012, in particular the Chinese and Japanese interfaces.

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