

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

### **Communication of Notifications between the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and applicants and holders of international registrations**

1. From April 30, 2012, the International Bureau of WIPO will send by registered mail, to applicants or to their appointed representatives, notifications relating to irregularities in international applications pertaining to Rules 11 to 13 of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “the Common Regulations”).
2. As from the aforementioned date, the International Bureau of WIPO will begin by sending standard mail in lieu of registered mail, to the holders of international registrations or to their recorded representatives, notifications of provisional refusal based on an opposition, made under Rule 17(3), statements concerning the interim status of the mark, made under Rule 18*bis*, statements of grant of protection, made under Rule 18*ter*(1), and notifications of invalidation, made under Rule 19 of the Common Regulations.
3. The mode of sending all remaining communications by the International Bureau of WIPO remains unchanged.
4. It will be recalled that electronic communication, by registered email, is available to holders of international registrations and their representatives since August 28, 2007, and that it was the subject of Information Notices No. 15/2007 and No. 36/2011.
5. The International Bureau of WIPO intends to increase the use of electronic communication, as a faster, more efficient and secure means to effectively deliver information, for the benefit of the users of the Madrid system.

6. Holders of international registrations and their representatives are strongly encouraged to take advantage of electronic communication. They may send a message to the following address: [e-marks@wipo.int](mailto:e-marks@wipo.int), indicating the email address which they would like the International Bureau of WIPO to use for this purpose, as well as the list of all international registrations concerned.

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