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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

UNITED KINGDOM: THE TRADE MARKS AND TRADE MARKS (FEES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2012

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	The Trade Marks and Trade Marks (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2012
<b>Subject matter</b>	Trademarks
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5860_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5860_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/67</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/P/10</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/43</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/65</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/P/9</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/41</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/58</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/36</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/54</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/33</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/17</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/11</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>The Rules amend the Trade Marks Rules 2008 to remove the obligation to provide notifications to proprietors of Community and International (EC) trade marks. The Rules remove the procedure for the merger of trade mark applications before marks have been registered pursuant to those applications. The Rules also provide that an application for a merger can only be made in respect of marks that have the same renewal date. An application for merger of marks which are subject to revocation or invalidation proceedings or which are the subject of an international registration pursuant to the Madrid Protocol, is prohibited. The Rules contain a consequential amendment to the Trade Marks (Fees) Rules 2008.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 October 2012; <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1003/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1003/contents/made</a>
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	27 August 2020
<b>Other information</b>	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1003/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1003/contents/made</a> - Amends/replaces: Trade Marks Rules 2008; The Trade Marks (Fees) Rules 2008
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