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Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

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

UKRAINE: LAW OF UKRAINE NO 815-IX "ON AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF UKRAINE ON STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF RIGHTS TO TRADEMARKS AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND COMBATING PATENT ABUSE"

| Notifying Member | UKRAINE |
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Details of the notified legal text

| Title | Law of Ukraine No 815-IX "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Strengthening the Security and Protection of Rights to Trademarks and Industrial Designs and Combating Patent Abuse" |
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| Subject matter | Trademarks; Industrial designs |
| Nature of notification | [X] Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation [] Other law or regulation |
| Link to legal text* | https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/UKR/20 5865 00 e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/UKR/20 5865 00 x.pdf |
| Notification status | [] First notification[X] Amendment or revision to notified legal text[] Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s) |
| Previous notification(s) referred to | IP/N/1/UKR/1 |

Brief description of the notified legal text

The Law introduced the following changes regarding trademarks:

- clarifies the grounds for refusal to register the trademarks and its invalidation;
- provides the possibility of registration for a collective trademark;
- clarifies the procedure for granting legal protection to trademarks under international registrations (according to the Madrid system);
- strengthens sanctions (penalties) for trademarks infringements;

regarding industrial designs:

- introduces additional criteria for industrial design protection (individual character);
- provides the possibility of legal protection for unregistered industrial designs;
- sets the total term of validity no more than 25 years (instead of 15 years);
- changes the type of protective document (certificate instead of the patent);
- provides for the post-grant opposition procedure for revocation of industrial design certificates to the Appeals Chamber (fight against the so-called «patent abuse»).

| Language(s) of notified legal text | English, Ukrainian |
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Notification details

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| Agency or authority responsible | Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine |

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