

Community Trade Mark Costs and Procedure

COSTS

Description	No of Classes	Our Fees	VAT @ 20%	EU Fees (Euros) €900*	Total**
Our Legal Fees cover drafting, filing and prosecuting your trade mark application to achieve registration for a Community Trade Mark (CTM) application covering 3 classes (Provided there are no substantial objections on absolute grounds or an opposition filed against your application. In which case, we would provide you with a cost estimate for dealing with objections and/or an opposition).	1	£399.50	£79.90	€900	£479.90 + €900
	2	£399.50	£79.90	€900	£479.90 + €900
	3	£399.50	£79.90	€900	£479.90 + €900
	4	£449.50	£89.90	€1,050	£539.40 + €1,050
	5	499.50	99.90	€1,300	599.40 + €1,300
27 EU countries	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.				

* Please note that we would provide the correct equivalent at the point of instruction (due to exchange rate fluctuations).

** Plus our standard £10.00 admin charge and £17.00 bank charges in respect of bank transfers to OHIM.

Procedure and Estimated Time for Achieving Registration

- **Priority** – Priority application can be made if you have filed an earlier application 6 months prior to date of your CTM application. This will enable you retain your earlier filing date.
- **CTM Application** – We would file the requisite form with OHIM, along with payment of the application fee if there are no objections raised by OHIM. The date of filing will be assigned by OHIM (unless a priority date has been accepted).
- **Examination on Relative Grounds** - OHIM will draw up search reports relating to earlier identical or similar CTM applications or registrations in respect of identical or similar goods and/or services. A copy of this report will be sent to the applicant, and also to the proprietors of the marks that may potentially be infringed.
- **Examination on Absolute Grounds** – The application may be refused on the grounds of the characteristics of the mark itself. This relates to the distinctiveness of the mark.
- **Publication** – Where no absolute grounds for refusal exists, and the search reports have not led to withdrawal of the application, the application will be published in the Community Trade Marks Bulletin for the opposition period.
- **Opposition** – There is a three-month time limit from publication, in which third parties may give notice of opposition to the registration of the mark.

Billing Policy

For disbursements, we would send you an invoice and you are required to pay the disbursements owed to OHIM directly to us. We have to pay bank charges, so we will add £17.00 for transferring the payment to OHIM, when we file your CTM application. We would endeavour to advise you of costs and time scales well in advance of their due date. However, it would be your responsibility to ensure that payment reaches us in good time for us to pay OHIM. We have a standard admin charge of £10.00 which will be added to our fees.

Firm's Policy

It is the firm's policy not to begin work until we receive a signed copy of our letter of engagement, along with our fees and disbursement on account and evidence of identity.

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