



OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)

The President

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Information Note on change of OHIM web address and e-mails

The European Council held in Lisbon on the 23rd and 24th of March 2000 identified the creation of a new .eu top level domain as one of the most important targets to accelerate electronic commerce as part of the e-Europe initiative.

As a consequence of this the European Parliament and the Council adopted on the 22nd of April 2002 Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 on the implementation of the .eu top level domain. The objective of such regulation was to implement the .eu ccTLD within the Community. The regulation settled out the conditions for such implementation, including the designation of a Registry (EUriid) and established the general policy framework for such Registry (link to the Regulation from the Commission)

In January 2005 the EU Commission decided that all EU institutions, bodies and agencies should use third level domain names under .europa.eu.

A list of names for each institution, agency and body were blocked as second level domain names under .eu so that no third party could make use of them. Simultaneously each institution, body and agency were requested to choose a single domain name as the official domain under .europa.eu.

As a result of this the Office has selected as its new single domain name www.oami.europa.eu.

As from the 09th of May 2006 the Office new web and new email addresses will be www.oami.europa.eu and name.surname@oami.europa.eu.

The Office has taken all necessary actions to allow its users to access all OHIM services via the new website address. However during a transition period of one year both old and new website and e-mail addresses will co-exist in the benefit of the users of the Office's services.

During the transition period the new website www.oami.europa.eu and the old websites www.oami.eu.int, www.ohim.eu.int, www.ohmi.eu.int, www.habm.eu.int, www.uami.eu.int will be the only official web address of the Office. At the end of the transition period (that will be communicated by the Office) www.oami.europa.eu will become the only official web address of the Office.

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(On behalf of the Management Committee)