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COMMUNITY TRADE MARKS Lowering of Fees

Dear ECTA Members,

As per the OHIM's Communication dated 21 September 2005, please be informed that on 20 September 2005, the Committee on Fees, Implementation Rules and the Procedure of the Boards of Appeal adopted a positive opinion on the Draft Commission Regulation to amend Regulation (EC) No 28768/95 by amending the fees payable to the OHIM.

The draft proposal has still to be formally adopted by the Commission and published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The modified Regulation will come into force seven days after its publication in the Official Journal and will take place before 1 November 2005 – first possible day for a CTM renewal.

The following amounts regarding the fees payable to OHIM will change:

	CURRENT FEES	FUTURE AMOUNT
<u>Individual mark</u>		
Basic application fee	975	900
Application fee through electronic filing	---	750
Additional Class exceeding three	200	150
Registration fee	1.100	850
Additional Class exceeding three	200	150
Basic renewal fee	2.500	1.500
Renewal through electronic means	---	1.350
Additional Class exceeding three	500	400
<u>Collective mark:</u>		
Basic application fee	1.675	1.300
Additional Class exceeding three	400	300
Registration fee	2.200	1.700
Additional Class exceeding three	400	300

Renewal	5.000	3.000
Additional Class exceeding three	1.000	800

The Full text of the Communication on this subject can be retrieved on OHIM's website at: <http://oami.eu.int/EN/office/marque/taxes.htm>. The Communication also includes information on changes in the possible means of payment of the fees as well as regarding transitional rules. Further, OHIM does provide for a "Frequently Asked Questions".

Please be informed that in view of the adoption of the latest amendments to the CTM-Fee Regulation and as soon as they are published in the Official Journal, **CTM Law Book VI** including the compiled versions of the various Regulations relating to the Community Trade Mark will be finalised.

We expect to have it sent to the members around the end of November or the beginning of December 2005.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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