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I. Position Papers

ECTA provided Authorities with the following position papers.

ECTA's position papers can be found on the Position Papers page of the ECTA website (www.ecta.eu).

A. With the support of the Anti-Counterfeiting Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

December 2015

- ECTA's Comments on OHIM Draft Communication on Article 28 (8) EUTMR

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

June 2015

- Comments by ECTA on the deletion of the Small Consignments provisions from the final compromise texts of Proposal for a new Regulation on the Community Trade Mark and a Directive to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks (Recast)

April 2016

- Joint Statement – Proposed TAXUD Guidelines on Transit

February 2016

- ECTA's comments to EU Observatory on IPR in third countries survey

B. With the support of the Design Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

July 2015

- ECTA's Comments on OHIM Draft Guidelines Work Package 1-2015

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

December 2015

- ECTA's Comments - OHIM Draft Communication on Article 28 (8) EUTMR

January 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package – Trade Mark Reform

February 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package 2-2016

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

January 2016

- ECTA Position Paper on Spare Parts

C. With the support of the Geographical Indications Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

July 2015

- ECTA's Comments on OHIM Draft Guidelines Work Package 1-2015

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

December 2015

- ECTA's Comments - OHIM Draft Communication on Article 28 (8) EUTMR

January 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package – Trade Mark Reform

February 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package 2-2016

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

July 2015

- Letter from ECTA, and attachment, with suggestions concerning the creation of a uniform database for geographical indications protected in the European Union

November 2015

- Position paper on the impact of the legal reform on Gis

May 2016

- Letter to EUIPO on naming issues

D. With the support of the Harmonization Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

July 2015

- ECTA's Comments on OHIM Draft Guidelines Work Package 1-2015

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

December 2015

- ECTA's Comments - OHIM Draft Communication on Article 28 (8) EUTMR

January 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package – Trade Mark Reform

February 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package 2-2016

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

March 2016

- ECTA comments on taxonomy update 2016 – Group titles and class scopes

E. With the support of the Internet Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

November 2015

- ECTA Position paper on ICANN's Preliminary Issue Report on a Policy Development Process to review all Rights Protection Mechanisms in all generic Top-Level domains

F. With the support of the Law Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees**

July 2015

- ECTA's Comments on OHIM Draft Guidelines Work Package 1-2015

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

September 2015

- ECTA comments on the Revised Draft Reference Document on the Protection of Country Names (SCT/34/2 Prov).

December 2015

- ECTA's Comments - OHIM Draft Communication on Article 28 (8) EUTMR

January 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package – Trade Mark Reform

February 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package 2-2016

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

March 2016

- ECTA Comments on European Cooperation Projects

May 2016

- Paper on Intellectual Property Issues Arising from Proposals by EU Members States for Plain Packaging Legislation (submitted to Slovenia and Belgium)

G. With the support of the Membership & Disciplinary Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

H. With the support of the ECTA – OHIM Link Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

July 2015

- ECTA's Comments on OHIM Draft Guidelines Work Package 1-2015

December 2015

- ECTA's Comments - OHIM Draft Communication on Article 28 (8) EUTMR

January 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package – Trade Mark Reform

February 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package 2-2016

March 2016

- ECTA comments to EUIPO Strategic Plan 2020
- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

July 2015

- ECTA Letter to OHIM on Taxonomy Changes

February 2015

- ECTA Joint Statement – Position Paper on OHIM List of goods and services – 512 characters restriction

I. With the support of the Professional Affairs Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

July 2015

- ECTA's Comments on OHIM Draft Guidelines Work Package 1-2015

August 2015

- ECTA's input to IP Key's Third Yearly Action Plan (January – June 2016)

January 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package – Trade Mark Reform

February 2016

- ECTA's Comments to OHIM Consultation on the Draft Guidelines of Work Package 2-2016

March 2016

- ECTA's Comments and Proposals for the Amendment of the European Union Trade Mark Implementing Regulation

- **Committee itself:**

June 2016

- Joint paper – ECTA position paper on IPR Helpdesk

J. With the support of the WIPO Link Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees:**

September 2015

- ECTA comments on the Revised Draft Reference Document on the Protection of Country Names (SCT/34/2 Prov)

December 2015

- ECTA's Comments - OHIM Draft Communication on Article 28 (8) EUTMR

March 2016

- ECTA comments to EUIPO Strategic Plan 2020

K. Others / ECTA Management Committee:

November 2015

- Confirmation of ECTA's participation in the DesignEuropa Award

II. Participation in Multilateral and Bilateral Meetings with the OHIM, EU Commission, and Entities Linked to the EU Commission

September 2015

- Bilateral meetings with DG GROWTH and DG Trade, 17 September 2015, Brussels.

November 2015

- OHIM Administrative Board and Budget Committee meetings, 24-26 November 2015, Alicante.

February 2016

- ECTA - OHIM Link Committee Annual Meeting, 19 February 2016, Alicante.

March 2016

- Bilateral meetings with DG MARKT, 17 March 2016, Brussels.
- Bilateral meeting with the Permanent Representation EUIPO in Brussels, 17 March 2016, Brussels, Brussels.
- Bilateral meeting with DG Trade, 17 March 2016, Brussels.

June 2016

- OHIM Management Board and Budget Committee meetings, 31 May-2 June 2016, Alicante.

III. Participation in Projects Linked to the EU Commission, EU Parliament, EU Observatory, OLAF, EURid and the OHIM

October 2015

- OHIM 14th LM Trade Marks, 6-7 October 2015, Alicante.

March 2016

- EUIPO Liaison Meeting on technical cooperation, 1-2 March 2016, Alicante.

- EUIPO Observatory meetings, 1-3 March 2016, Alicante.

April 2016

- 15th LM Trade Marks, 12-13 April 2016, Alicante.

IV. Participation in Multilateral and Bilateral Meetings of International Organisations

October 2015

- Worldwide Symposium on Geographical Indications, 20-22 October 2016, Budapest.

November 2015

- WIPO Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the international registration of marks (13th session), 2-5 November 2015, Geneva.
- WIPO Tenth session of the Advisory Committee on Enforcement, 23-25 November 2015, Geneva.

December 2015

- WIPO Working Group on the legal development of the Hague System for International Registration of Industrial designs, 14-18 December 2015, Geneva.

V. Meetings with Associations

September 2015

- 20th NGO Coordination Meeting at AIPPI, 11 October 2015, Rio de Janeiro.

April 2016

- European Sister Organisations meeting, 14-15 April 2016, Milano.

May 2016

- 21th NGO coordination meeting at INTA Conference, 24 May 2016, Orlando.
- Official invitation to the ECTA President, F; Peter Müller, to attend INTA Conference.

VI. ECTA Round Tables and Workshops

October 2015

- ECTA/WIPO Round Table on the Hague System, 16 October 2015, Lisbon.
- ECTA/WIPO Workshop: Madrid insights and domain name updates, Geneva.

December 2015

- ECTA Workshop and Webinar on the EU Trade mark Reform and its implementing and delegated acts, 10 December 2015, Munich.

January 2016

- ECTA Expert Exchange (webinar) on spare parts (designs), 29 January 2016, Brussels.

February 2016

- Geographical Indications: global and local perspectives, 11 February 2016 (ECTA partnership with the Geneva University), Geneva.
- ECTA-OHIM Workshop: GIs in the legislative package and in recent case law of the General Court, 18 February 2016, Alicante.

March 2016

ECTA Round Table: Update on the EU Trade Mark Reform; The Internet of Things and Intellectual Property Rights, 16 March 2016, Brussels.

VII. Press

February 2016

- *Performance in the European Trademark Community —An Interview with ECTA President F. Peter Müller, China IP Magazine, February 2016.*

March 2016

- *The Internet of Things and Intellectual Property Rights, Bárbara Díaz Alaminos and Max Oker-Blom, The Trademark Lawyer Magazine, March 2016.*

VIII. Other

ECTA Committees

- Creation of the New ECTA Copyright Committee.

ECTA and Social Media

- Creation of the ECTA e-bulletin.
- Implementation of ECTA Webinars.
- Creation of the ECTA Expert Exchange.

Conferences

- 15th International Trademark Conference by FORUM, 8-10 March 2016, Alicante, ECTA President F. Peter Müller.



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- IP Case Law Conference, 4-6 May 2016, Alicante, ECTA President F. Peter Müller.