



European Communities Trade Mark Association

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ECTA ACTIVITY REPORT JULY 2012 - JUNE 2013

I. POSITION PAPERS / PRESS RELEASE

ECTA provided authorities with the following position papers.

All 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 Law Committee:

- **Jointly with other Committees**
 - Joint Statement regarding the proposed legislation to enforcing restrictions on trade mark use;
 - ECTA Comments regarding the new provisional feature for the identification of goods and services when e-filing CTM applications;
 - Civil enforcement of intellectual property rights- Public consultation on the efficiency of proceedings and accessibility of measures
- **Committee itself**
 - ECTA comments to the Irish Public Consultation on a proposal for an EU Directive on the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD)

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

- **Jointly with other Committees:**
 - Civil enforcement of intellectual property rights- Public consultation on the efficiency of proceedings and accessibility of measures
- **Committee itself**
 - ECTA Survey on national authorities engaged in the fight against counterfeiting

C. With the support of the Harmonization Committee

- ECTA Position Paper - Revision of OHIM Manual regarding the protection of non-registered trade marks and other signs used in the course of trade of more than mere local significance under Article 8 (4) of the Council Regulation (EC) N° 207/2009 of 26 /02/2009;
- Public consultation on the protection against misappropriation of trade secrets and confidential business information

D. With the support of the Geographical Indications Committee:

- ECTA Position Paper- Revision of OHIM Manual regarding Article 7(1)(i) on the protection of emblems other than those in Article 6 ter of the Paris Convention and Articles 7(1)(j) and (k) of the CTM regulation regarding protection of geographical indications

E. With the support of the Internet Committee:

- ECTA comments: ICANN New gTLDs Proposed Public Comments
- ECTA comments: "A clean and open Internet" - Public consultation on procedures for notifying and acting on illegal content hosted by online intermediaries

F. With the support of the Designs Committee:

- ECTA comments: Consultation on the Reform of the UK Designs Legal Framework

II. PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE OHIM, EC COMMISSION AND ENTITIES LINKED TO THE EC COMMISSION

- Bilateral meetings, namely with DG MARKT, DG TRADE and DG ENTERPRISE and INDUSTRY, 13 September 2012 and 7 March 2013, Brussels
- Meeting with Cabinet Barnier, 6 December 2012 and 7 March 2013, Brussels
- Meeting with the Members of the European Parliament, 7 March 2013, Brussels
- ECTA OHIM Annual Meeting, 22 February 2013, Alicante
- OHIM 44th and 45th Administrative Board and 42nd and 43rd Budget Committee meetings, November 2012 and May 2013

III. INVOLVEMENTS IN PROJECTS LINKED TO THE EU COMMISSION, EU PARLIAMENT, OLAF, EURid AND THE OHIM

- Signature of the **Memorandum of Understanding with the European IPR Helpdesk**, 6 November 2012, Brussels
- Signature of the **Memorandum of Understanding with OLAF** (European Anti-Fraud Office), 7 December 2012, Brussels
- Participation in Liaison Meetings on Trade Marks and Designs (November 2012, April 2013), OHIM Website Working Group, Users Group Meeting (April 2013), TM5 Meeting (October 2012)
- EU- China Dialogue on IPR, Brussels, September 2012
- EU-Turkey IPR Working Group Meeting, Ankara, January 2013
- Membership of EURid, 1 April 2013 , Ljubljana
- Participation in the Hearing **“Impact of organised crime, corruption and money laundering on the EU's internal market”** European Parliament, 27 May 2013

IV. PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- Participation in the Assemblies of Member States of WIPO, Fiftieth Series of Meetings, 1 October – 9 October 2012, Geneva
- Participation in the WIPO Working group on the reform of the Hague Agreement, 5- 7 November 2012, Geneva
- Participation in the Advisory Committee on Enforcement : Eighth Session, 19-20 December 2012, Geneva
- Participation in Director General’s Meeting with NGOs, 7 February 2013
- Participation in the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System (Appellations of Origin), 29 April-3 May 2013

V. MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

- Bilateral meeting with China Trade Mark Association, 7 September 2012, Brussels
- European Sister Organisations Meeting, 14 March 2013, Torino
- NGO coordination meeting at INTA Conference, 7 May 2013, Dallas
- Coordination Meeting – Reform of the CTM, 4 June 2013 , Brussels

VI. ORGANISATION OF ROUND TABLES AND WORKSHOPS

- ECTA Round Table “*How does congestion and suggested measures against congestion affect your rights and your daily practice*”, 12 October 2012, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- ECTA - WIPO - GERMAN PATENT OFFICE (DPMA) Joint Workshop on *Protection and Enforcement of Designs*, 30 November 2012, Munich, Germany
- ECTA Round Table Session “*Brand owner life before and after IP Translator*”, 21 February 2013, Alicante
- ECTA Workshop “*Enforcement challenges in China and Europe*”, 6 March 2013, Brussels
- ECTA - GRUR Joint Event Brussels Workshop “*European Trade Mark System under review - A first analysis of the new proposed legal framework*”, 3 June 2013, Brussels

VII. PRESS

- “*Trade marks-Governmental Regulatory Instruments*” (translated into French), Décideurs Magazine, September 2012
- “*From ACTA to standardised packaging: ECTA’s overview of 2012*” - ECTA publication in WIPR e-Digest 2013
- “*The role of trade marks in cross-border trade*” - ECTA publication in the European IPR Helpdesk Bulletin, April 2013