



Significant Reduction in CTM Official Fees

The Community Trade Mark Registry, OHIM, has announced there will be a significant reduction in CTM fees. This is subject to final approval by the EU Commission. Approval and implementation is expected in a matter of weeks.

Current fee structure:

For CTMs in up to 3 classes (E-filing) without requesting the OHIM search report: Application fee €750 + Registration fee €850

New fee structure:

For CTMs in up to 3 classes (E-filing) without requesting the OHIM search report: Application fee €900 BUT NO REGISTRATION FEE IS PAYABLE

Therefore, for a successful application, official fees will be reduced from €1600 to €900.

Transitional provisions for existing applicants

Also, provisions are being put in place to allow current applicants to make significant savings. It is anticipated that existing applicants will be exempted from paying the current registration fee of €850 in its entirety.

Comment

The fee reduction is welcome. This can only make the CTM system an even more attractive means to obtain EU wide protection especially as the average time to achieve registration in “straightforward” cases can now be less than 12 months.

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