

New Release of the Trade Marks E-Form

A new version of the Trade Marks Application E-form is due to be released on the 18th of June 2005.

The major features of the new trade mark application E-form are:

- the addition of a save functionality;
- increased compatibility with different computers and browsers;
- the option of a pick-list for selecting goods and services; and
- a new look.

The save functionality

The new E-form enables applicants to save the application form and complete it or send it at later stage. The save function also enables applicants to store a completed E-form for future reference.

Increased compatibility

The E-form currently in use has had some compatibility problems with a small number of computers and/or browsers. The newly developed E-form has been designed to avoid such compatibility problems and to achieve functionality with a wider range of computers and browsers.

The option of a pick list for selecting goods and services

The new E-form features a list of goods and services from the Nice Classification which applicants can choose from to include on their application. A clear and accurate description of the goods and/or services claimed is an important aspect of any trade mark application, because it determines the scope of the application and of any resulting registration. Correct classification of the goods and/or services claimed is also important, because it facilitates accurate searching for conflicting trade marks. Applicants and or their agents using the pick list will be able to ensure that goods and services selected from it are correctly classified. The pick list is however, optional and applicants who would prefer to specify their goods and services without using this resource are free to do so. Assistance is also available during business hours (9.00 am to 5.00 pm Mon to Fri) from our Customer Service Network via 1300 651010 or you can send your query by e-mail to the address listed below.

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