

Summary of IPONZ Technical Focus Group

Trade Marks

Date of Meeting: 4 May 2017

Agenda Items	Comments
1. Office Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPONZ Staff moving out of Stout St to 157 Lambton Quay (same building as Baldwins Wellington) effective 8 May 2017. - 2 new TM examiners. - Ingrid Bayliss and Simon Gallagher attending INTA. - GI's possibly to be implemented in July 2017
2. Demonstration of GI Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Similar layout and feel to the current IPONZ site for TM, Patents and Designs. - When applying for a GI there is no requirement to login via RealMe in order to use the GI Website - A Beta version would be made available for testing before GI's are formally implemented.
3. Demonstration of Accepto TM Search facility used by IPONZ TM Examiners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The advanced search aspect shown in the demonstration reflected the enhanced searching power that the TM examiners have at their disposal. - Discussion held about whether to open up Accepto to the public and feedback was yes to do so, even if as an added advanced option. IPONZ to consider more fully.
4. Law Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulatory Systems Bill are for minor changes - Omnibus Bill is for more substantive changes in which consultation is required. MBIE and IPONZ are looking all aspects of the IP Acts to identify potential problems that may need addressing. MBIE and IPONZ will seek to consult via a discussion paper on any proposed changes that are identified.
5. Madrid Working Group	<p>Meeting to be held at WIPO in June – IPONZ is to attend. Some of the topics to be considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limitations of goods/services for particular countries; - Classification guidelines; - Comparison of Basic Mark with the Mark filed with TM Registration; - Harmonisation and centralisation of replacement procedures.
6. Unsolicited Renewal Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentioned that there is another round of unsolicited renewal requests and that we all need to get the message about these across to our clients. IPONZ to look to see if more can be done.

7. Practice Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transliterations/translations – the new format for entering transliterations will only have the actual transliteration or translation entered, e.g. just “RED DOG”, in order to make the searching of transliterations and translation easier. - Registered Symbol – IPONZ to update it guidelines
8. Other Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vienna Coding: question about been more specific when classifying was raised. IPONZ to look into this and make changes if necessary. - Uploading documents at time of filing: At present not possible, IPONZ not too keen to add such a feature. - Late raising of objections seem to be on the rise: IPONZ said not done on whim, but only done after the matter has been reviewed by Senior Group and if the Senior Group agrees. - Does IPONZ re-examine – Yes, fully upon receipt of a response. - IPONZ looking at doing “masterclasses” in respect of selected topics such as PCT, Madrid Marks, Hearings, etc.

Date of Next Meeting: 24 August 2017