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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

UNITED KINGDOM: THE TRADE MARKS (RELATIVE GROUNDS) ORDER 2007

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	The Trade Marks (Relative Grounds) Order 2007
<b>Subject matter</b>	Trademarks
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5741_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5741_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/27</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/15</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/20</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/14</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/1</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
The Order changes the way in which applications for new UK trade marks are examined against earlier conflicting trade marks. The changes mean that a new application will only be refused registration (on the basis of an earlier conflicting mark) if the proprietor of the earlier mark succeeds in opposition proceedings against registration of the mark.	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	1 October 2007; <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/1976/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/1976/contents/made</a>
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	20 August 2020
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<b>Other information</b>	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/1976/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2007/1976/contents/made</a> - Amends/replaces: Trade Marks Act 1994
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