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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 AND TRADE MARKS (FEES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2012

Notifying Member	UNITED KINGDOM
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	The Trade Marks and Trade Marks (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2012
Subject matter	Trademarks
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5860_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<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)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/GBR/67 , IP/N/1/GBR/P/10 , IP/N/1/GBR/T/43 ; IP/N/1/GBR/65 , IP/N/1/GBR/P/9 , IP/N/1/GBR/T/41 ; IP/N/1/GBR/58 , IP/N/1/GBR/T/36 ; IP/N/1/GBR/54 , IP/N/1/GBR/T/33 ; IP/N/1/GBR/17 , IP/N/1/GBR/T/11
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>The Rules amend the Trade Marks Rules 2008 to remove the obligation to provide notifications to proprietors of Community and International (EC) trade marks. The Rules remove the procedure for the merger of trade mark applications before marks have been registered pursuant to those applications. The Rules also provide that an application for a merger can only be made in respect of marks that have the same renewal date. An application for merger of marks which are subject to revocation or invalidation proceedings or which are the subject of an international registration pursuant to the Madrid Protocol, is prohibited. The Rules contain a consequential amendment to the Trade Marks (Fees) Rules 2008.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	1 October 2012; http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1003/contents/made
Other date	

Notification details

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