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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 (AMENDMENT) RULES 2004

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

<b>Title</b>	The Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2004
<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_5740_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/GBR/20_5740_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/19</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/13</a> ; <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/8</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/GBR/T/7</a>
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>The Rules amend the Trade Marks Rules 2000. The amendments include the introduction of a new opposition procedure, where in certain cases, before evidence is filed, the registrar notifies the parties if it appears that a particular mark should or should not be registered. The Rules also amend the procedure surrounding the cooling-off period and introduce the requirement to show use of certain earlier trade marks which a person opposing the registration of a trade mark uses as the basis of the opposition. Other amendments made are consequential on the changes made to the rules relating to the opposition proceedings and various forms. Amendments clarify the circumstances in which an application can be divided. Further amendments make changes to revocation and invalidation proceedings and the filing of evidence.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	5 May 2004; <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/947/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/947/contents/made</a>
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

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<b>Other information</b>	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/947/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/947/contents/made</a> - Amends/replaces: The Trade Marks Rules 2000 (SI 2000/136)
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