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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**

IRELAND: EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (COMMUNITY DESIGNS) REGULATIONS 2003
(S.I. NO. 27/2003)

Notifying Member	IRELAND
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	European Communities (Community Designs) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 27/2003)
Subject matter	Industrial designs
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/2023/IP/IRL/23_10349_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input 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	Not applicable
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>Council Regulation (EC) No. 6/2002 on Community designs establishes a system for registration of industrial designs providing protection throughout the Community in the same manner as the Community Trade Mark system currently does for trademarks. The system came into operation in 2003 and is administered by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) (OHIM) in Alicante, Spain. The European Communities (Community Designs) Regulations 2003 give effect in Ireland to provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No. 6/2002 on Community designs. The Regulations prescribe a handling fee of €25 to be charged by the Patents Office to cover the administrative costs of receiving and forwarding Community design applications to OHIM. They designate the High Court as the court of first instance and the Supreme Court as the court of second instance for the purposes of Article 80(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 6/2002. In addition, the Regulations designate the Controller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks as the national authority for the purposes of Article 71 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 6/2002, which deals with the enforcement of decisions of OHIM fixing the amount of costs.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	29 January 2003

Other date	
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Notification details

Submission date of notification	20 April 2023
Other information	IP/N/1/EU/D/2 <i>(Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 of 12 December 2001 on Community designs)</i>
Agency or authority responsible	Intellectual Property Unit Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment trademarks@enterprise.gov.ie

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