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I, RICHARD BRUTON, Minister for Enterprise and Employment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by [section 3](#) of the [European Communities Act, 1972](#) (No. 27 of 1972), and for the purpose of supplementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 40/94 of 20th December, 1993 on the Community Trade mark<sup>1</sup>, hereby make the following Regulations.

<sup>1</sup> O.J. No. L1 1, 14.1.94

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Community Trade Mark) Regulations, 1996 and shall come into operation on the 15th day of January, 1996.

2. Where, pursuant to Article 25 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 40/94 on the Community Trade Mark, an application for a Community trade mark is filed at the Patents Office, the application shall be accompanied by an administration fee of £20 paid either—

(a) in cash at the Patents Office; or

(b) by cheque presented at the Patents Office and made payable to the Minister for Enterprise and Employment, crossed "& Co" and guaranteed to the satisfaction of the Controller of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks.

Given under my Official Seal This 13th day of January, 1996

RICHARD BRUTON

Minister for Enterprise and Employment

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 25 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 40/94 of 20 December, 1993 (O.J. No. L 11,14.1.94) on the Community trade mark provides that applicants may be charged a fee for receiving and forwarding the applications to the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market, where an application for a Community trade mark is filed at the central industrial property office of a Member State. These Regulations provide for the charging of a fee of £20, payable at the Patents Office at the time application is made.