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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**

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: TRADE MARK ACT, NO. 8 OF 2015

<b>Notifying Member</b>	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Trade Mark Act, No. 8 of 2015
<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/2021/IP/TTO/21_6993_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/TTO/21_6993_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/TTO/T/1</a>

**Brief description of the notified legal text**

This is an Act to repeal and replace the Trade Marks Act, Chap. 82:81 and to provide for the law relating to trademarks and related matters.

The Act has modernized the trademark law system, including, *inter alia*:

- (i) Recognizing international registrations obtained under the provisions of the Madrid Protocol;
- (ii) Introducing a broader definition of trademarks;
- (iii) Expanding protection of well-known marks;
- (iv) Allowing the registration for collective marks;
- (v) Eliminating the previous division of the trademark registry into separate categories for marks that are "distinctive" and those that are "capable of distinguishing". All trademarks now appear in a single register;
- (vi) Revising the rules on the revocation of trademarks on the grounds of non-use;

<p>(vii) Providing an electronic system relating to trademarks records, which are detailed in the Trade Marks Regulations, 2020, and which are made in tandem to the deposit of the instrument of accession by Trinidad and Tobago to the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks on October 4, 2019; and</p> <p>(viii) Enhancing border enforcement protection against counterfeit trademarks goods, which are specified in the Trade Marks (Border Enforcement Measures) Regulations, 2020.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	25 June 2020
<b>Other date</b>	Issuance by legislature or executive: 20 March 2015

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	3 November 2021
<b>Other information</b>	
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