



ISPM 15 Symbol registration – progress

Introduction

- [1] CPM-10 noted the progress in ISPM 15 symbol registration and encouraged contracting parties to pursue registration and renewals of registration.

Progress and Current Status¹

- [2] In 2014, the IPPC Secretariat initiated new registrations for 17 countries which were identified as the first group based on the prioritization criteria. Prioritization criteria include considerations of legal and trade-related indicators and commitments by countries to reimburse registration costs. Total allocated budget for this purpose was USD 65,000 and is still being used. IPPC Secretariat is working closely with FAO Legal office in monitoring the work of legal companies that are contracted to file registration applications. Other relevant progress includes:
- [3] Letter to Ministers. In order to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the symbol and assist the NPPOs in their interaction with their respective government, a letter was sent (some letters are pending) to the responsible Minister in each country, explaining the purpose of registration and highlighting the need for political and financial support in registering or renewing the registration. Since CPM-10, IPPC Secretariat has been working intensely to answer all the questions raised by contracting parties regarding the letter on how they can contribute to the registration process.
- [4] Registration renewal - cost reimbursement letters. Another letter was earlier sent to the NPPOs providing information on the reimbursement procedures for compensating the costs of registration renewals done in 2013. Many countries expressed their willingness to reimburse such costs. Many countries already reimbursed the costs to the IPPC Secretariat.
- [5] The Q&A information was posted on the IPP portal².

The next steps include:

- [6] Second round of new registrations. The second group of countries where the new registration will be initiated in late 2015 will be identified based on the prioritization criteria within the allocated budget, as done in 2014. In late 2015, IPPC Secretariat in collaboration with the FAO Legal office will initiate second round of first registrations in additional 15-20 countries. If countries want to be prioritized in registration, they should express the interest to reimburse the cost of registration by sending an email to ippc@fao.org.
- [7] Unless there are unexpected problems (such as legal issues raised by certain entities that have already registered the symbol without consulting FAO - which might delay the process of registration), the remaining registration renewals and new registrations will be dealt with by the end of 2017 under the total agreed budget of USD 350,000 (in the five years period 2013-2017). There are 66 countries where new registrations will be initiated in the above-mentioned timeframe. The contracts with the two trademark firms selected by FAO to carry out the registration process on its behalf will expire in September, 2018. Towards the end of the period, the budget may be revised for adjustment, as appropriate.

¹ Attachment 1 to this document provides information on the status of registration in each country.

² See <https://www.ippc.int/faq>

Attachment 1:**Update on the ISPM 15 symbol registration****Contracting Parties**

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Afghanistan		X
Albania	26/09/2023	
Algeria	26/09/2023	
Antigua and Barbuda	26/09/2023	
Argentina	15/04/2015	
Armenia	26/09/2023	
Australia	26/09/2023	
Austria	04/04/2023	
Azerbaijan	26/09/2023	
Bahamas		X
Bahrain	26/09/2023	
Bangladesh		X
Barbados		X
Belarus	20/06/2016	
Belgium	04/04/2023	
Belize		In process
Benin	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Bhutan	26/09/2023	
Bolivia		X
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26/09/2023	
Botswana	26/09/2023	
Brazil	19/05/2019	
Bulgaria	04/04/2023	
Burkina Faso	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Burundi		X
Cambodia		X
Cameroon	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Canada	27/07/2020	
Cape Verde		X
Central African Republic	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Chad	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Chile	Done by Chile, to be transferred to FAO	
China	26/09/2023	
Colombia	26/09/2023	
Comoros		X
Congo	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Cook Islands		X
Costa Rica		In process
Côte d'Ivoire	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Croatia	04/04/2023	
Cuba	26/09/2023	

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Cyprus	04/04/2023	
Czech Republic	04/04/2023	
Democratic Republic of the Congo		In process
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	26/09/2023	
Denmark	04/04/2023	
Djibouti		X
Dominica		X
Dominican Republic		In process
Ecuador		X
Egypt	26/09/2023	
El Salvador		In process
Equatorial Guinea	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Eritrea		X
Estonia	04/04/2023	
Ethiopia		X
European Union (CTM)	04/04/2023	
Fiji		X
Finland	04/04/2023	
France	04/04/2023	
Gabon	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Georgia	26/09/2023	
Germany	04/04/2023	
Ghana		X
Greece	04/04/2023	
Grenada		X
Guatemala		In process
Guinea	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Guinea Bissau	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Guyana		X
Haiti		X
Honduras		In process
Hungary	04/04/2023	
Iceland	26/09/2023	
India		In process
Indonesia	06/11/2023	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26/09/2023	
Iraq		X
Ireland	04/04/2023	
Israel	26/09/2023	
Italy	04/04/2023	
Jamaica		X
Japan	26/09/2023	

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Jordan		X
Kazakhstan	26/09/2023	
Kenya	26/09/2023	
Kuwait		X
Kyrgyzstan	26/09/2023	
Lao People's Democratic Republic		X
Latvia	04/04/2023	
Lebanon		X
Lesotho	26/09/2023	
Liberia	26/09/2023	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		X
Lithuania	04/04/2023	
Luxembourg	04/04/2023	
Madagascar	26/09/2023	
Malawi	Done by Malawi, to be transferred to FAO	
Malaysia	02/04/2023	
Maldives		X
Mali	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Malta	04/04/2023	
Mauritania	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Mauritius		X
Mexico	01/10/2023	
Micronesia (Federated States of)		X
Moldova	26/09/2023	
Mongolia	26/09/2023	
Montenegro	26/09/2023	
Morocco	26/09/2023	
Mozambique	26/09/2023	
Myanmar		In process
Namibia	26/09/2023	
Nepal		X
Netherlands	04/04/2023	
New Zealand	02/04/2023	
Nicaragua		In process
Niger	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Nigeria		In process
Niue		X
Norway	26/09/2023	
Oman	26/09/2023	
Pakistan		In process
Palau		X
Panama		In process
Papua New Guinea		X
Paraguay		X
Peru		X
Philippines	15/09/2021	

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Poland	04/04/2023	
Portugal	04/04/2023	
Qatar		X
Republic of Korea	26/09/2023	
Romania	04/04/2023	
Russian Federation	26/09/2023	
Rwanda		X
Samoa		X
Sao Tome and Principe		X
Saudi Arabia		In process
Senegal	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Serbia (Rep. of)	26/09/2023	
Seychelles		X
Sierra Leone	26/09/2023	
Singapore	26/09/2023	
Slovakia	04/04/2023	
Slovenia	04/04/2023	
Solomon Islands		X
South Africa		In process
South Sudan		X
Spain	04/04/2023	
Sri Lanka		X
Saint Kitts & Nevis		X
Saint Lucia		X
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		X
Sudan	26/09/2023	
Suriname		X
Swaziland	26/09/2023	
Sweden	04/04/2023	
Switzerland	26/09/2023	
Syria	26/09/2023	
Tajikistan	26/09/2023	
Thailand	01/10/2023	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	26/09/2023	
Togo	03/10/2018 24/12/2018	
Tonga		X
Trinidad and Tobago		X
Tunisia		X
Turkey	26/09/2023	
Tuvalu		X
Uganda		X
Ukraine	26/09/2023	
United Arab Emirates		In process
United Kingdom	04/04/2023	
United Republic of Tanzania		X
United States of America	24/01/2016	
Uruguay		X
Vanuatu		X
Venezuela	pending ¹	
Viet Nam	26/09/2023	
Yemen		X

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Zambia	26/09/2023	

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Zimbabwe		X

Non Contracting Parties

Non Contracting party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Andorra		X
Angola		In process
Brunei Darussalam		X
Gambia		X
Kiribati		X
Liechtenstein	26/09/2023	
Marshall Islands		X
Monaco	26/09/2023	
Nauru		X
San Marino	26/09/2023	
Somalia		X
Timor Leste		X
Turkmenistan	26/09/2023	
Uzbekistan	26/09/2023	
Faroe Islands	04/04/2023	
Tokelau	02/04/2023	

Summary	Registered	In process	Not registered	Total
Contracting parties	121	19	42	182
Non-contracting parties	7	1	8	16

ⁱ The application was filed in 2003 and is still pending with the National Trademark Office.