



IMPORTANT NOTICE

PORTUGAL TRADEMARKS ABOLITION OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO USE

On 25th July 2008, Decree-Law no. 143/2008 was published and it has made some considerable alterations to the Portuguese Industrial Property Code.

One of the main changes is the abolition of the need to file Declarations of Intention to Use. In the case of trademark registrations which are in an irregular situation due to the non-filing of previous DIUs, it is stipulated in the transitional provisions that this irregularity is automatically corrected.

This change applies to both National Portuguese Trademarks as well as International Registrations designating Portugal.

The alterations made by Decree-Law no. 143/2008 will come into force on 1st October 2008, with a few exceptions that have taken immediate effect (in particular, the abolition of Declarations of Intention to Use).

CPA has taken necessary steps to render inactive the records we currently hold on file for this action. Clients for which CPA obtained instructions to proceed with the filing the Declaration of use (activity started prior to the 25 July 2008) will be contacted on a one-by-one basis to regularize their matters.

Should you have any question please contact CPA marking your query to the attention of IPLS on trademarks@cpaglobal.com

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