

European Union trademark for All EU Member States

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Registration of a European Union trademark is performed by the European Office of Intellectual Property (EUIPO¹) in Alicante, Spain. It is possible to claim the priority of a national trademark application up to six months after its filing date.

Expenses² to be paid with the application **for one class of goods or services** are as follows:

Online Application charges (EUIPO)	850 €
Attorney's fee 1st part²	1.100 €
1.950 €	
costs for the second class (<i>office fee + attorney's fee</i> ¹)	150 €
costs for any further class (<i>office fee + attorney's fee</i> ¹)	275 €
<i>Optional: Office charge for national Search reports</i>	72 €
On receipt of the national search reports:	
drafting an opinion letter, if appropriate ¹	approx. 100 - 250 €
After registration: Attorney's fee 2nd part¹	500 €

The EUIPO will check whether there are **absolute grounds for rejection** (lack of distinctiveness, descriptive character) and will also examine the list of goods and/or services for adequate clarity of definition. If any faults are found, it will be necessary to file an appropriate response (costs according to time spent).

The EUIPO will also issue a **Search Report** on protective rights within the register of the EUIPO that were valid prior to the claimed priority date and. For an extra charge, additional national Search Reports can be provided. These, however, will be incomplete, since not all national offices offer such a search. We will forward you the Search Report(s) and make comments where necessary (costs according to time spent, normally from 100 € to 250 €).

If no absolute grounds for rejection of the mark application exist, the EUIPO will inform the owners of prior European trademarks or prior European trademark applications. The trademark application is then published. During a period of three months following publication any proprietor of a prior right can raise an objection to the mark application if a likelihood of confusion is suspected. In the resulting **opposition proceedings** the mark application may be rejected in full or in part (*ie* for certain classes of goods or services). **The loser of the case will be required to pay costs of the winner as officially imposed** (300 € for the opposing attorney's fees plus 320 € opposition costs, if applicable). The winner of the case will be required only to pay the costs demanded by winner's own attorney, which will exceed the fees payable by the opponent (300 €).

If no appeal is raised or the appeal proceedings terminate positively for the applicant, the mark is registered.

For the **continuation of power of attorney** for the period lasting from registration up to the first extension after 10 years we charge **500 €**. This fee covers updating the files, deadline monitoring, forwarding incoming correspondence, and providing information on the case.

Payment of the renewal fee following expiry of the first ten year period can provide protection for a further ten years. Our fee covers the timely transfer of office charges to the HABM and the continuation of power of attorney up to the next renewal period, including deadline monitoring, and is valid for **1 class of goods and services** as follows:

Office renewal charges (e-renewal)	850 €
Attorney's fee ¹	1.100 €
1.950 €	
costs for the second class (<i>office fee + attorney's fee</i> ¹)	175 €
costs for any further class (<i>office fee + attorney's fee</i> ¹)	300 €

¹ formerly "Office for the Harmonization of the Internal Market" (OHIM)

² attorney's fees are net costs