

## MADRID PROTOCOL

### Model Form 3A: Total Provisional Refusal of Protection (Rule 17(1) of the Common Regulations)

I.	Office making the notification: <b>PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA</b> 52 b Dr. G.M.Dimitrov Blvd., BG-1040 Sofia, BULGARIA <u>www.bpo.bg</u>
II.	Number of the international registration: <b>1 286 951.</b>
III.	Name of the holder: Etihad Airways
IV.	<p>Information concerning the type of provisional refusal:</p> <p><i>Please indicate the type of refusal by checking only one of the following options:</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total provisional refusal based on an <i>ex officio</i> examination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total provisional refusal based on an opposition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total provisional refusal based on both an <i>ex officio</i> examination and an opposition</p> <p><i>Where the refusal is based on an opposition, please indicate the name and address of the opponent:</i></p> <p>(i) Name of the opponent:</p> <p>(ii) Address of the opponent:</p>
V.	<p>Information concerning the scope of the provisional refusal:</p> <p><b>Total provisional refusal for all the goods and services.</b></p>
VI.	Grounds for refusal [(where applicable, see item VII)]: The trade mark consists exclusively of the words "FAST TRACK" which may serve in trade to designate the characteristics of the services. The mark is devoid of any distinctive character.
VII.	<p>Information relating to an earlier mark:</p> <p>(i) Filing date and number, and, if any, priority date:</p> <p>(ii) Registration date and number (if available):</p> <p>(iii) Name and address of the owner:</p> <p>(iv) Reproduction of the mark:</p> <p>(v) List of the relevant goods and/or services (this list may be in the language of the earlier application or registration):</p>
VIII.	Corresponding essential provisions of the applicable law:

art. 11(1)2 and art. 11(1)4

## IX. Information relating to the possibility to request a review or file an appeal:

## (i) Time limit for requesting review or appeal:

The holder of the international registration may enforce its request for review against this refusal to the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria (at the address in item I above)

**within three months**

from the date of receipt of this refusal, **only through a representative** domiciled in Bulgaria.

## (ii) Authority to which such request for review or appeal should be made:

**PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

## (iii) Whether the request for review or appeal has to be filed in a specific language and/or through the intermediary of a representative whose address is within the territory of the Contracting Party:

Please also note that, despite the provisional refusal based on the ex officio examination,

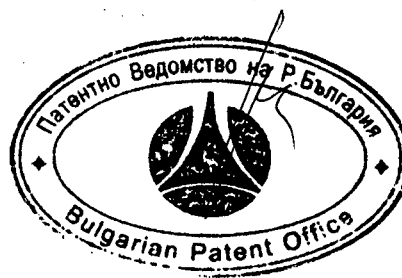
it is possible that  
**opposition** is filed

against the recognition of the effects of the international registration in the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria in the period between **31/12/2017 and 30/03/2018**.

See the list of representatives domiciled in Bulgaria - Internet page of the Office [www.bpo.bg](http://www.bpo.bg)

## (iv) Other requirements, if any:

## X. Signature or official seal of the Office making the notification:

XI. Date of the notification to the International Bureau: **03.11.2017**

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