



**MADRID AGREEMENT CONCERNING  
THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS  
AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THAT AGREEMENT**

**PROVISIONAL REFUSAL OF PROTECTION**

Notified to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)  
according to Article 5 of the Madrid Agreement and Madrid Protocol

I.	Office making the notification: <b>PATENT OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA</b> <b>Citadeles iela 7/70</b> <b>LV 1010, Riga</b> <b>LATVIA</b>  Phone: +371 67099604 Fax: +371 67099650 e-mail: liga.rinka@lrpv.gov.lv
II.	Number of the international registration: <b>788486</b>
III.	Name of the holder (or other indication enabling the identity of the international registration to be confirmed): <b>SGS Group Management SA</b> <b>Place des Alpes 1 CH-1201 Genève</b> <b>CH</b>
IV.	The grounds of refusal:  Provisional refusal based on an <i>ex officio</i> examination: IV. The grounds of refusal: : Pursuant to the Law on Trademarks and Indications of Geographical Origin of Latvia, in applying for registration of a collective mark, the regulations governing the use of the collective mark must be submitted to the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia.
V.	Reference to the corresponding essential provisions of the Law of the Republic of Latvia on Trademarks and Indications of Geographical Origin:  <i>Ex officio</i> examination: Section LPZ/99 35.(4)
VI.	Provisional refusal for all the goods and/or services
VII.	Possibilities to review or appeal  <b>The holder is entitled, within three months from the date on which the International Bureau has notified of the Provisional Refusal, to submit regulations governing the use of a collective mark to the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia. After expiration of the said period, the Patent Office shall take a final decision. In the absence of a replay, the Patent Office will make negative decision, which will not be opened to review.</b>
VIII.	Date of the notification of provisional refusal:  <b>24.05.2018</b>
IX.	Signature or official seal of the Office making the notification:  <b>Līga Rinka</b>

X. Corresponding essential provisions of the applicable law:

**Section 35. Validity of an International Registration in Latvia**

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(4) In applying for registration of a collective mark, the by-laws on the use of the collective mark that have been approved by the administrative authority of the collective body (the applicant for the mark) or its authorised representative must be submitted in addition to the materials and documents specified in Section 10 of this Law. The by-laws shall contain a list of persons who have the right to use the collective mark (information to make possible unmistakable identification of such persons), conditions of use of the collective mark and information as to the monitoring of compliance with these conditions, including possible sanctions for non-compliance with these conditions. If the collective mark referred to in Section 34, Paragraph three of this Law is applied for, the by-laws must provide the opportunity for any person whose goods or services originate in the geographical area concerned, to become a member (an associate) of the association which is the owner of the collective mark.

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