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**STRICT DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THIS NOTIFICATION:** TO AVOID ABANDONMENT OF THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROTECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION, THE USPTO MUST RECEIVE A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO THIS PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL NOTIFICATION **WITHIN 6 MONTHS** OF THE "DATE ON WHICH THE NOTIFICATION WAS SENT TO WIPO (MAILING DATE)" LOCATED ON THE WIPO COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING THIS NOTIFICATION.

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This is a **PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL** of the request for extension of protection of the mark in the above-referenced U.S. application. See 15 U.S.C. §1141h(c). See below in this notification (hereafter "Office action") for details regarding the provisional full refusal.

**WHO IS PERMITTED TO RESPOND TO THIS PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL:** Any response to this provisional refusal must be personally signed by an individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant (e.g., a corporate officer or general partner). 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(b), 2.193(e)(2)(ii); TMEP §712.01. If applicant hires a qualified U.S. attorney to respond on his or her behalf, then the attorney must sign the response. 37 C.F.R. §§2.193(e)(2)(i), 11.18(a); TMEP §§611.03(b), 712.01. Qualified U.S. attorneys include those in good standing with a bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. commonwealths or U.S. territories. See 37 C.F.R. §§2.17(a), 2.62(b), 11.1, 11.14(a); TMEP §§602, 712.01. Additionally, for all responses, the proper signatory must personally sign the document or personally enter his or her electronic signature on the electronic filing. See 37 C.F.R. §2.193(a); TMEP §§611.01(b), 611.02. The name of the signatory must also be printed or typed immediately below or adjacent to the signature, or identified elsewhere in the filing. 37 C.F.R. §2.193(d); TMEP §611.01(b).

In general, foreign attorneys are not permitted to represent applicants before the USPTO (e.g., file written communications, authorize an amendment to an application, or submit legal arguments in response to a requirement or refusal). See 37 C.F.R. §11.14(c), (e); TMEP §§602.03-.03(b), 608.01.

**DESIGNATION OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE:** The USPTO encourages applicants who do not reside in the United States to designate a domestic representative upon whom any notice or process may be served. TMEP §610; see 15 U.S.C. §§1051(e), 1141h(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.24(a)(1)-(2). Such designations may be filed online at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/teas/correspondence.jsp>.

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

**SEARCH OF OFFICE'S DATABASE OF MARKS**

The trademark examining attorney has searched the Office's database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). TMEP §704.02; see 15 U.S.C. §1052(d).

**Informalities**

## 1. Identification and/or Classification of Goods/Services

The identification of goods/services is indefinite and must be clarified. See TMEP §1402.01. Applicant must specify the common commercial or generic name for the goods/services. If there is no common commercial or generic name, applicant must describe the products/services and intended consumer(s) as well as its main purpose(s) and intended use(s).

The USPTO has the discretion to determine the degree of particularity needed to clearly identify goods and/or services covered by a mark. *In re Fiat Grp. Mktg. & Corp. Commc'ns S.p.A.*, 109 USPQ2d 1593, 1597 (TTAB 2014) (citing *In re Omega SA*, 494 F.3d 1362, 1365, 83 USPQ2d 1541, 1543-44 (Fed. Cir. 2007)). Accordingly, the USPTO requires the description of goods and/or services in a U.S. application to be specific, definite, clear, accurate, and concise. TMEP §1402.01; see *In re Fiat Grp. Mktg. & Corp. Commc'ns S.p.A.*, 109 USPQ2d at 1597-98; *Cal. Spray-Chem. Corp. v. Osmose Wood Pres. Co. of Am.*, 102 USPQ 321, 322 (Comm'r Pats. 1954).

The goods/services are generally indefinite and must be clarified. Furthermore, many of the indefinite goods/services could be classified in multiple classes, which is impermissible in a Madrid application.

The identification of goods and/or services contains parentheses/brackets/parentheses and brackets. Generally, applicants should *not* use parentheses and brackets in identifications in their applications so as to avoid confusion with the USPTO's practice of using parentheses and brackets in registrations to indicate goods and/or services that have been deleted from registrations or in an affidavit of incontestability to indicate goods and/or services not claimed. See TMEP §1402.12.

Therefore, applicant must remove the parentheses/brackets/parentheses and brackets from the identification and incorporate any parenthetical or bracketed information into the description of the goods and/or services.

Applicant may adopt the following identification of goods/services, if accurate. See TMEP §1402.01. Suggested revisions are in capital letters, with suggested deletions having a line through them.

“Motor buses; motor coaches; motor homes; driverless cars (~~autonomous cars~~); motor racing cars; cars; sports cars; caravans, NAMELY, GROUPS OF VEHICLES BELONGING TO ONE ORGANIZATION WHICH FOLLOWS AFTER ONE ANOTHER; shock absorbers for automobiles; suspension shock absorbers for vehicles; ski carriers for cars; luggage carriers for vehicles; bumpers for automobiles; vehicle bumpers; tires for vehicle wheels; brake shoes for vehicles; valves for vehicle tires; automobile hoods; hoods for vehicles; horns for vehicles; doors for vehicles; engines for land vehicles; brake discs for vehicles; side view mirrors for vehicles; inner tubes for pneumatic tires; hoods for vehicle engines; crankcases for land vehicle components, other than for engines; vehicle wheels; mine cart wheels; brake pads for automobiles; hub caps; brake linings for vehicles; gear boxes for land vehicles; caps for vehicle fuel tanks; automobile bodies; bodies for vehicles; treads for retreading tires; mopeds; motor scooters; motorcycles; freewheels for land vehicles; clutches for land vehicles; repair outfits for inner tubes, NAMELY, [LIST EACH GOOD, E.G., TIRE REPAIR PATCHES, ETC.]; air pumps FOR VEHICLES (~~vehicle accessories~~); upholstery for vehicles; rims for vehicle wheels; GLASS windows for vehicles; engine mounts for land vehicles; axles for vehicles; headlight wipers; ashtrays for automobiles; gearing for land vehicles; head-rests for vehicle seats; vehicle running boards; air bags (~~safety devices for automobiles~~); casings for pneumatic tires (~~tyres~~); cigar lighters for automobiles; non-skid devices for vehicle tires, NAMELY, [LIST EACH GOOD, E.G., ANTI-SKID CHAINS FOR VEHICLE TIRES, ETC.]; anti-glare devices for vehicles, NAMELY, [LIST EACH CLASS 12 GOOD]; anti-theft devices for vehicles; sun-blinds adapted for automobiles; balance weights for vehicle wheels; shock absorbing springs for vehicles; reduction gears for land vehicles; safety belts for vehicle seats; security harness for vehicle seats; vehicle suspension springs; LAND vehicle joysticks; brake segments for vehicles; luggage nets for vehicles; anti-theft alarms for vehicles; reversing alarms for vehicles; safety seats for children, for vehicles; vehicle seats; hydraulic circuits for vehicles; electric vehicles, NAMELY, [SPECIFY TYPE OF VEHICLE, E.G., AUTOMOBILES, ETC.]; hubs for vehicle wheels; trailer hitches for vehicles; couplings for land vehicles; brakes for vehicles; torsion bars for vehicles; transmissions for land vehicles; automobile chains; driving chains for land vehicles; anti-skid chains FOR VEHICLES; transmission chains for land vehicles; undercarriages for vehicles; spare wheel covers; covers for vehicle steering wheels; FITTED VEHICLE seat covers for vehicles; vehicle covers FOR VEHICLES (~~shaped~~); automobile chassis; vehicle chassis; automobile tires; solid tires for vehicle wheels; spikes for tires; mudguards; motors, electric, for land vehicles; steering wheels for vehicles; connecting rods for land vehicles, other than parts of motors and engines,” in International Class 12.

“Computerized file management; demonstration of goods; business information SERVICES AND APPRAISALS; updating and maintenance of data in computer databases; providing business information via a web site; provision of commercial and business contact information; provision of an on-line marketplace for buyers and sellers of goods and services; sales promotion for others; on-line advertising on a computer network; compilation of statistics; compilation of information into computer databases; business inquiries; systemization of information into computer databases; public relations; search engine optimization for sales promotion; outsourcing services (~~business assistance~~); business efficiency expert services; commercial information and advice for consumers in the choice of products and services; presentation of goods on communication media, for retail purposes [THIS WORDING IS NOW UNACCEPTABLE], NAMELY, [“PROVIDING TELEVISION HOME SHOPPING SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF GENERAL CONSUMER MERCHANDISE”]; commercial intermediation services; procurement services, NAMELY, purchasing [LIST GOODS OR SERVICES, E.G., WEAPONS, OFFICE FURNITURE, ETC.] for others (~~purchasing goods and services for other businesses~~),” in International Class 35.

“Credit bureau services; financial analysis; lease-purchase financing; savings bank services; issuance of travelers' checks; issuance of credit cards; issuance of tokens of value; capital investment; insurance information; financial information; FINANCIAL clearing HOUSES ~~financial~~; insurance consultancy; financial consultancy; debt advisory services; stock exchange quotations; lending against security, NAMELY, SECURITIES LENDING; business liquidation services, financial; brokerage, NAMELY, [LIST EACH TYPE, E.G., SECURITIES BROKERAGE, ETC.]; financial management; exchanging money; online banking; processing of debit card payments; processing of credit card payments; factoring AGENCY SERVICES; organization of collections, NAMELY, [LIST EACH TYPE OF COLLECTION, E.G., DEBT COLLECTION, ETC.]; arranging finance for construction projects; antique appraisal; financial evaluation [SPECIFY FOR OR OF WHAT, E.G., FOR INSURANCE PURCHASES, OF WOOL, ETC.] (~~insurance, banking, real estate~~); repair costs evaluation (~~financial appraisal~~); electronic funds transfer; surety services; insurance brokerage;

providing rebates at participating establishments of others through use of a membership card; loans FINANCING (~~financing~~); pawn brokerage; providing financial information via a web site; check verification; investment of funds; charitable fund raising; stocks and bonds brokerage; financial sponsorship OF [SPECIFY EVENT OR ACTIVITY]; mortgage banking; ~~installment~~ INSTALLMENT loans; insurance underwriting IN THE FIELD OF [SPECIFY FIELD, E.G., LIFE, HEALTH, ETC.]; life insurance underwriting; accident insurance underwriting; fire insurance underwriting; financial management of reimbursement payments for others; actuarial services; banking; stock brokerage services; trusteeship REPRESENTATIVES; provident fund services, NAMELY, [LIST EACH SERVICE, E.G., PROVIDENT FUNDS MANAGEMENT, PROVIDENT FUND INVESTMENT SERVICES, ETC.]; financial customs brokerage services; mutual funds [SPECIFY TYPE, E.G., MUTUAL FUND ADVISORY SERVICES, ETC.]; automobile lease financing,” in International Class 36.

“Rebuilding engines [SPECIFY TYPE OF ENGINES, E.G., AUTOMOBILE, ETC.] that have been worn or partially destroyed; retreading of tires; REPAIR OF TIRES BY vulcanization of tires (~~repair~~); vehicle battery charging; varnishing; vehicle washing; anti-rust treatment for vehicles; vehicle maintenance; vehicle polishing; vehicle breakdown repair services; motor vehicle maintenance and repair; vehicle greasing; vehicle service stations (~~refueling and maintenance~~); tire balancing; installation and repair of air-conditioning apparatus; electric appliance installation and repair; vehicle cleaning,” in International Class 37.

“News agency services FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION; wireless broadcasting; television broadcasting; cable television broadcasting; electronic bulletin board services (~~telecommunications services~~); information about telecommunication; providing user access to global computer networks; providing access to databases; providing telecommunications connections to a global computer network; providing telecommunication channels for teleshopping services; video-on-demand transmission; message sending; computer aided transmission of messages and images; transmission of telegrams; transmission of digital files; providing online forums FOR [SPECIFY FIELD OR SUBJECT OF FORUM]; videoconferencing services; rental of message sending apparatus, NAMELY, [SPECIFY THE CLASS 38 APPARATUS]; rental of access time to global computer networks; rental of modems; rental of telecommunication equipment; rental of telephones; rental of facsimile apparatus; radio broadcasting; radio communications; transmission of electronic mail; communications by fiber optic networks; communications by cellular phones; communications by computer terminals; satellite transmission; communications by telegrams; communications by telephone; facsimile transmission; paging services (~~radio, telephone or other means of electronic communication~~); teleconferencing services; telex services; voice mail services; streaming of data; telegraph services; telephone COMMUNICATION services; providing internet chatrooms; transmission of greeting cards online; telecommunications routing and junction services; electronic mail forwarding services,” in International Class 38.

“Transport BY [SPECIFY THE TYPE OF VEHICLES, E.G., MAN-POWERED VEHICLES, ETC.]; transport OF VEHICLES BY [SPECIFY TYPE OF TRANSPORT, E.G., TRUCK, ETC.]; rental OF VEHICLES ~~services~~; car rental, garage and parking space rental; rental of trucks; truck and trailer rental; parking place rental; rental of vehicles for events; booking of transportation via a web site; transport reservation; freight transportation by truck; booking of transport; information services relating to methods of transport; transportation information; leasing of automobiles; vehicle routing by computer on data networks; providing information relating to vehicle parking services; providing TRAVEL information relating to tariffs, timetables and methods of transport; providing information about transport services; providing on-line information relating to travel; on-line information and booking services in the field of business travel; tracking of automobile fleets using electronic navigation and locating devices (~~transport information~~); transport brokerage; providing transportation information IN THE FIELD OF [SPECIFY MEANS, E.G., AIR, BUS, ETC.] via a web site; providing information via the Internet relating to the leasing of automobiles; chauffeur-driven car hire services; reservation services for vehicle rental; car parking; chauffeur services; transportation services, NAMELY, [LIST EACH SERVICE, E.G., SIGHTSEEING TOURS, ETC.] provided to individuals; transport, NAMELY, [LIST EACH TYPE, E.G., RAILWAY TRANSPORT, ETC.]; vehicle rental; consultancy relating to transportation and storage services provided via telephone call centers and hotlines; providing information relating to automobile rental services,” in International Class 39.

Descriptions of goods and/or services found in earlier-filed applications and registrations are not necessarily considered acceptable identifications when a later-filed application is examined. *See* TMEP §§702.03(a)(iv), 1402.14.

For guidance on writing identifications of goods and/or services, please use the online searchable *Manual of Acceptable Identifications of Goods and Services* at <http://tess2.uspto.gov/netahtml/tidm.html>, which is continually updated in accordance with prevailing rules and policies. *See* TMEP §1402.04.

Applicant’s goods and/or services may be clarified or limited, but may not be expanded beyond those originally itemized in the application or as acceptably amended. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Applicant may clarify or limit the identification by inserting qualifying language or deleting items to result in a more specific identification; however, applicant may not substitute different goods and/or services or add goods and/or services not found or encompassed by those in the original application or as acceptably amended. *See* TMEP §1402.06(a)-(b). The scope of the goods and/or services sets the outer limit for any changes to the identification and is generally determined by the ordinary meaning of the wording in the identification. TMEP §§1402.06(b), 1402.07(a)-(b). Any acceptable changes to the goods and/or services will further limit scope, and once goods and/or services are deleted, they are not permitted to be reinserted. TMEP §1402.07(e).

In a Trademark Act Section 66(a) application, classification of goods and/or services may not be changed from that assigned by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §§1401.03(d), 1904.02(b). Additionally, classes may not be added or goods and/or services transferred from one class to another in a multiple-class Section 66(a) application. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §1401.03(d).

## **2. Amendment to the Color Claim Required**

Applicant has submitted a color claim. However, it is indefinite. Applications for marks depicted in color must include a complete list of all the colors claimed as a feature of the mark. 37 C.F.R. §2.52(b)(1); *see* TMEP §§807.07(a) *et seq.*

If black, white and/or gray are not being claimed as a color feature of the mark, applicant must state that the colors black, white and/or gray represent

background, outlining, shading and/or transparent areas and are not part of the mark. TMEP §807.07(d). Generic color names must be used to identify the colors in the mark, e.g., magenta, yellow, turquoise. TMEP §807.07(a)(i)-(a)(ii).

Therefore, applicant must provide the required color claim. The following is suggested, if accurate:

**The colors blue, dark gray, and gray are claimed as a feature of the mark.**

TMEP §807.07(a)(i).

### 3. **Amendment to the Description of the Mark Statement Required**

Applicant has submitted a description of the mark statement. However, it is indefinite. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.37, 2.52(b)(1); TMEP §807.07(a)-(a)(ii). Applications for marks not in standard characters must include an accurate and concise description of the entire mark that identifies literal elements as well as any design elements. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.37; TMEP §§808.01, 808.02, 808.03(b). And for marks depicted in color, this description must specify where the color(s) appear(s) on the mark. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.52(b)(1); TMEP §807.07(a)(ii).

Generic color names must be used to describe the colors in the mark, e.g., magenta, yellow, turquoise. TMEP §807.07(a)(i)-(ii). If black, white, and/or gray are not being claimed as a color feature of the mark, applicant must exclude them from the color claim and include in the mark description a statement that the colors black, white, and/or gray represent background, outlining, shading, and/or transparent areas and are not part of the mark. *See* TMEP §807.07(d).

The colors in the mark must be included in the description of the mark statement.

Therefore, applicant must provide a mark description that specifies where all the colors appear in the literal and design elements in the mark. *See* TMEP §807.07(a)(ii). The following is suggested, if accurate:

**The mark consists of an horizontally oriented rectangle in gray with the rounded corners outlined in dark gray to the center of which is in blue and is inscribed a verbal element "next.car" in silver; which is made in the original font in lower case letters of the Latin alphabet. Each letter merges with the top part and bottom part of the rectangle, and the upper part of the letter "t" "goes beyond" the rectangle, and has blue in between the bottom and top of the letter "t".**

### **Only If Applicable - Examiner's Amendment Recommended**

Examiner's Amendments cannot be issued for partial amendments. However, if all of the outstanding issues can be resolved through an Examiner's Amendment, the applicant is encouraged to respond to this Office Action by amending the application in a telephone call with the examining attorney to expedite the processing of the application. Generally, only the submission of arguments to overcome a substantive refusal or an informal requirement, a requirement for the submission of specimens, a particular document or declaration, or the payment of a fee cannot be handled over the telephone.

### **Questions Regarding This Office Action**

If applicant has questions regarding this Office action, please telephone or e-mail the assigned trademark examining attorney. All relevant e-mail communications will be placed in the official application record; however, an e-mail communication will not be accepted as a response to this Office action and will not extend the deadline for filing a proper response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05. Further, although the trademark examining attorney may provide additional explanation pertaining to the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action, the trademark examining attorney may not provide legal advice or statements about applicant's rights. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

### **Responding to Office Action**

The USPTO applies the following legal authorities when processing a trademark and/or service mark application:

The Trademark Act of 1946, as amended

The Trademark Rules of Practice, as amended

Precedential court and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board decisions

The USPTO's *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure* (TMEP), as periodically updated

The USPTO's *Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure* (TBMP), as periodically updated

*See* 15 U.S.C. §§1051 *et seq.*; 37 C.F.R. pts. 2, 3, 6, 7, 11; TMEP intro., §§101, 107, 110.

Official USPTO letters and notices sent to applicants generally refer to one or more of these legal resources. Both the Trademark Act and Trademark Rules of Practice can be viewed online at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/law/index.jsp>. The TMEP is available online at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/resources/index.jsp> and the TBMP and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board decisions are available online at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/index.jsp>.

Please note that applicant must explicitly address all issues raised in this Office Action. If the issues are substantive refusals, the applicant may respond with arguments and evidence to overcome the refusal. To respond to requirements/informalities the applicant must specifically request that changes to the record be made.

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Applicant should provide a current telephone number with its response to expedite processing. TMEP §302.03(a).

If applicant responds on paper via regular mail, applicant should include the following information on all correspondence with the Office: (1) the name and law office number of the trademark examining attorney, (2) the serial number and filing date of the application, (3) the date of issuance of this Office action, (4) applicant's name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable), and (5) the mark. 37 C.F.R. §2.194(b)(1); TMEP §302.03(a).

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