



FINNISH PATENT AND
REGISTRATION OFFICE

Int.reg. 1458340

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

EX OFFICIO PROVISIONAL PARTIAL REFUSAL

notified to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) according to
Art. 5 of the Madrid Protocol

I. Office refusing protection:

**Finnish Patent and Registration Office
Trademarks
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II. Number of the international registration which is the subject of the refusal: 1458340

III. Other information concerning the international registration which is subject of the refusal:

IV. The grounds for this refusal are the following:

The trademark is in respect of part of the goods in class 9 liable to be confused with the following EU trademark:

BBK.NET; registered under number 11382074 for identical and similar kinds of goods in class 9. (The enclosed information of the EU trademark is a printout from eSearch plus (EUIPO's Database)).

The trademark is in respect of part of the goods in class 9 liable to be confused with the following EU trademark:

bbk= (figurative mark); registered under number 1993591 for identical and similar kinds of goods in class 9. (The enclosed information of the EU trademark is a printout from eSearch plus (EUIPO's Database)).

The trademark is in respect of part of the goods in class 9 liable to be confused with the following EU trademark:

bbk= (figurative mark); registered under number 1990753 for identical and similar kinds of goods in class 9. (The enclosed information of the EU trademark is a printout from eSearch plus (EUIPO's Database)).

The trademark is in respect of part of the goods in class 9 liable to be confused with the following international registration, which is accepted to be valid in European Union (EU): BBK WORLDWIDE; registered under number 1278592 for identical and similar kinds of goods in class 9 (information on international registration designating the EU enclosed).

V. Provisions of the Finnish Trademarks Act (7/1964) applicable on the subject (enclosed):

Art. 6 paragraph 1, Art. 14 paragraph 1 item 7
Art. 107 paragraph 1 (Trademarks Act 544/2019)

VI. Partial refusal for the following goods "computers; electronic pocket translators; notebook computers; apparatus for speech recording and replaying; microphones; optical discs; memory cards for video game machines; facsimile machines; computer keyboards; mouse [computer peripheral]; video telephones; radios; tape recorders; camcorders; electronic calendars; telephone apparatus; mobile telephones; radio pagers; indicator lights for telecommunications apparatus; video disk players; cabinets for loudspeakers; power amplifiers; television apparatus; remote control apparatus for household appliances; acoustic amplifier; electronic agendas; headphones; earphones" in class 9.

VII. The holder of the registration may request a review of the refusal. The request shall be received by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office no later than within 12 weeks from the date of the refusal. **The time limit expires 04.09.2019 (dd.mm.yyyy).**
Please use the following reference number when submitting the request: W201900321
The request, which is to be drawn up in Finnish or Swedish, has to be filed through the intermediary of a representative resident in the European Economic Area (Art. 56 f).
If the holder of the registration has not within the time limit given above requested for the review, the registration shall not take effect in Finland for the goods/services which are affected by the refusal (Art. 56 b paragraph 3).
If the grounds for this refusal include EU trademarks, EU trademark applications or international registrations designating Finland or the European Union, they can remain as grounds for refusal also in cases where they are transformed into national applications or, specifically in the case of designations concerning the European Union, the designations are transformed either into designations concerning Finland or into EU trademark applications, and the said applications or designations are ultimately accepted.

Please note that if the designation is accepted subsequent to reviewal or appeal an opposition may be filed against the mark within 2 months of the publication of the mark (Art. 56 c).
Oppositions may be filed after the end of the 18-month period (Art. 5(2)(c)(i) of the Madrid Protocol, Rule 16(1) of the Common Regulations).

VIII. Date on which the refusal was pronounced: 12.06.2019 (dd.mm.yyyy)

IX. Signature of the Office: 12.06.2019 Finnish Patent and Registration Office

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This document has been electronically signed.



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EUTM file information

BBK.NET
011382074

Trade mark information

Name	BBK.NET	Filing date	28/11/2012
Filing number	011382074	Registration date	16/04/2013
Basis	EUTM	Expiry date	28/11/2022
Date of receipt	28/11/2012	Designation date	
Type	Word	Filing language	Spanish
Nature	Individual	Second language	English
Nice classes	9, 35, 36 (Nice Classification)	Application reference	5442
Vienna Classification		Trade mark status	Registered
		Acquired distinctiveness	No

Goods and services

English (en) ☒

9 Scientific apparatus and instruments; Checking (supervision) and control apparatus; Apparatus for recording, transmission or reproduction of sound or images; Data media (Magnetic -); Phonograph records; Compact discs, DVDs and other digital recording media; Mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; credit cards; Cash registers, Automated teller machines [ATM]; Calculating machines, data processing equipment and computers; Computer software.

35 Advertising; Business management; Business administration; Office functions.

36 Insurance; Financial affairs; Monetary affairs; Real estate affairs.

Description

No data

Owners

KUTXABANK, S.A.

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Legal status	Legal entity	Town	Bilbao (Bizkaia)		
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Representatives

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Type	Association	Post code	28010	E-28010 Madrid	
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IR transformation

No data**Exhibition priority**

No data**Priority**

No data**Cancellation**

No data**Appeals**

No data**Trade mark relations**

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EUTM file information

bbk=
001993591

Trade mark information

Name	bbk=	Filing date	07/12/2000
Filing number	001993591	Registration date	22/01/2002
Basis	EUTM	Expiry date	07/12/2020
Date of receipt	07/12/2000	Designation date	
Type	Figurative	Filing language	Spanish
Nature	Individual	Second language	English
Nice classes	9, 35, 36, 38, 42 (Nice Classification)	Application reference	
Vienna Classification	24.17.07 (Vienna Classification)	Trade mark status	Registered
		Acquired distinctiveness	No

Graphic representation



Goods and services

English (en) ☒

9 Electronic terminals providing information to the public that operate with or without a magnetic or other type of card; encoded cards, magnetic, optical or electronic; terminals for making payments and/or collections, automatic cash dispensers; tape recorders; cards for integrated circuits or for microprocessors.

35 Services provided by persons or organisations, the principle purpose of which is: commercial management assistance; advertising, marketing and promotions for businesses and individuals; office functions; auctioneering; commercial management assistance in relation to franchising.

36 Accident insurance underwriting services; insurance; fire insurance services; life assurance; health insurance underwriting; marine insurance underwriting; insurance information and consultancy; banking services; credit bureaux; savings services; lease-purchase financing; deposits of valuables; safety deposit services; exchanging money; cheque (check) verification; financing services and financial consultancy; credit and debit card services; banking; insurance.

38 Services relating to communication via radio and television, radio and television broadcasting, telecommunications services, services relating to communication via computer terminals, services relating to communication via computer networks.

42 Services relating to creativity, photocomposing services, translations, graphic design, photography security and life-saving consultancy guards missing person investigations detective agencies escorting in society (chaperoning); night guards legal, technical and technological professional consultancy in class 42 psychological testing for recruitment purposes legal services studies and technical project studies, research, appraisals, valuations, consultancy.

Description

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Filing number	001990753	Registration date	19/12/2001
Basis	EUTM	Expiry date	07/12/2020
Date of receipt	07/12/2000	Designation date	
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Services not included in other classes, provided by associations for their own members; Services provided by people, individually or collectively, as members of an association, requiring a high level of mental activity and which refer to theoretical or practical aspects of complex matters of human endeavour.

Description

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EUTM file information

BBK WORLDWIDE

1278592

Trade mark information

Name	BBK WORLDWIDE	Filing date	
Filing number	1278592	Registration date	23/01/2015
Basis	IR (Search on WIPO database)	Expiry date	23/01/2025
Date of receipt	17/12/2015	Designation date	23/01/2015
Type	Word	Filing language	English
Nature	Individual	Second language	French
Nice classes	9, 16, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 (Nice Classification)	Application reference	
Vienna Classification		Trade mark status	IR accepted
		Acquired distinctiveness	No

Goods and services

English (en)



9 Downloadable software in the nature of a mobile application for engaging, motivating, and informing individuals interested in clinical study participation; downloadable software in the nature of a mobile application for identifying, recruiting, and managing the participation of patients in clinical trials; downloadable software in the nature of a mobile application for engaging and motivating patients, medical staff, and ancillary support personnel participating in clinical trials; downloadable electronic publications in the nature of books, articles, and white papers in the field of identifying, recruiting, and managing the participation of patients in clinical trials; downloadable electronic publications in the nature of books, articles, and white papers in the field of engaging and motivating patients, medical staff, and ancillary support personnel participating in clinical trials; downloadable electronic publications in the nature of books, articles, and white papers in the field of clinical trial support.

16 Printed publications in the nature of books, articles, and white papers in the field of identifying, recruiting, and managing the participation of patients in clinical trials.

35 Administration of patient reimbursement programs; operating an on-line shopping site for clinical research professionals and those involved in clinical trials in the fields of patient recruitment and retention and clinical research site identification, management, and engagement; business consulting and management in the field of clinical trials, namely, providing information management services; social media strategy and marketing consultancy focusing on helping clients create and extend their product and brand strategies by building virally engaging marketing solutions; marketing and advertising services in the field of clinical trials, namely, providing information management services; market research services; marketing consulting, namely, media planning, buying and placement services for others; organizing business networking events in the field of identifying, recruiting and managing the participation of patients, medical staff, and ancillary support personnel in clinical trials; business research using focus groups; website optimization; market research studies; providing on-line referrals in the field of identifying, recruiting, and managing the participation of patients in clinical trials; public relations; production of promotional materials; document management and regulatory tracking of ethics committee review and approval; management of patient reimbursement management; advertising management and reporting; patient referral facilitation and tracking.

38 Text and numeric wireless digital messaging services; electronic messaging via a web-based software application; electronic messaging via a downloadable mobile application.

39 Coordinating travel arrangements for individuals and for groups.

40 Production of informational educational, and promotional materials, namely, the application of ink to paper, plastic, and cloth (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations); the cutting and sizing of paper, plastic, and cloth; the lamination of paper, plastic, and cloth (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations); the folding (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations), stitching, and binding of paper, plastic, and cloth.

41 Education services, namely, providing non-downloadable webinars in the field of identifying, recruiting, engaging, and managing the participation of patients, medical staff, and ancillary support personnel in clinical trials; providing in-person educational forums in the field of identifying, recruiting, engaging, and managing the participation of patients, medical staff, and ancillary support personnel in clinical trials; education services, namely, providing on-line workshops in the field of identifying, recruiting, engaging, and managing the participation of patients, medical staff, and ancillary support personnel in clinical trials; production of educational materials.

42 Providing an online database in the field of clinical research (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations); medical research consulting services, namely, recruiting, and retaining patients for medical research studies (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations); providing

an online physician database in the field of clinical research (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations); providing temporary use of a non-downloadable web application for identifying, recruiting, and managing the participation of patients in clinical trials; providing temporary use of a web-based software application for identifying, recruiting, engaging and managing the participation of patients in clinical trials; software as a service [SaaS] services featuring software for identifying, recruiting, engaging, and managing the participation of patients in clinical trials; all of the foregoing featuring: reporting on multiple aspects of clinical research study start-up, enrollment, and retention; serving as a portal to other online tools, software, and systems (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations); software as a service (SAAS) services featuring software for clinical site trials, communications and support (terms considered too vague by the International Bureau - Rule 13(2)(b) of the Common Regulations); website design and development for others.

Description

No data

Owners

BBK WORLDWIDE, LLC

ID	n/a	Country	US - United States	Hidden. You can set your contact details to be publicly available via the User Area.
Organisation	n/a	State/county	n/a	
Legal status	n/a	Town	n/a	
		Post code	n/a	Hidden. You can set your contact details to be publicly available via the User Area.
		Address	117 Kendrick Street Suite 600 Needham MA 02494	Hidden. You can set your contact details to be publicly available via the User Area.

Representatives

No data

IR transformation

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Exhibition priority

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Priority

Country	Filing number	Date	Status
United States	86486696	19/12/2014	Accepted
United States	86486698	19/12/2014	Accepted
United States	86486705	19/12/2014	Accepted
United States	86486719	19/12/2014	Accepted
United States	86486721	19/12/2014	Accepted
United States	86486689	19/12/2014	Accepted
United States	86486729	19/12/2014	Accepted
United States	86486709	19/12/2014	Accepted
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Cancellation

No data

Appeals

No data

Trade mark relations

No data

Extract from the Finnish Trademarks Act
No. 7 of January 10, 1964, as amended
(Unofficial translation)

Article 1

This act lays down provisions on an exclusive right to a trademark used in the course of trade for goods and services. This act also lays down provisions on the Community trademark and the international registration of trademarks.

The provisions on goods laid down in this act also apply to services.

Article 2

A trademark can be any distinctive mark that is used in the course of trade and can be represented graphically.

Article 3

A mark is deemed to be distinctive if it can be used to distinguish goods from those of others in the course of trade. A mark denoting the kind, quality, quantity, purpose, price, or place or time of manufacture either exclusively or with only minor modifications or additions cannot as such be deemed to be distinctive. When evaluating the distinctiveness of a mark, attention must be paid to all circumstances, particularly to how long and how broadly the mark has been used.

Article 5

An exclusive right cannot be obtained to a mark that is solely formed by the characteristic shape of the goods, the shape of the goods necessary for achieving a technical result, or a shape that has essential effect on the value of the goods.

Article 5a

The name or company name of another party may not be included in a trademark. Nor may the auxiliary company name or secondary symbol of another party be included in a trademark, unless they are devoid of distinctive character or are from different lines of business or of a different type of goods.

Article 6

With the exceptions laid down later, the exclusive right to a trademark includes that no-one other than the proprietor of the trademark may use the following as a mark of their goods in the course of trade without the proprietor's consent:

- 1) a mark that is identical with the protected trademark for identical goods;
- 2) a mark that, due to its identicalness with or similarity to the protected trademark for identical or similar goods causes a risk of confusion among the public, which also includes a risk of association between the mark and the trademark.

If the trademark has a reputation in Finland, and the use of the mark without due cause would take unfair advantage of the distinctive character or the repute of the trademark, or be detrimental to the distinctive character or the repute of the trademark, no-one other than the proprietor of the exclusive right to the trademark may in the course of trade use a mark that is identical with or similar to the trademark with a reputation without the consent of the proprietor, even if the goods for which the mark is used are not identical or similar to those for which the trademark with a reputation is protected.

The following are deemed to be usage in the course of trade:

- 1) affixing the mark to the goods or to the packaging thereof;
- 2) offering the goods or putting them on the market, or stocking them for those purposes, under the mark;
- 3) importing or exporting the goods under the mark, or importing the goods for transport to a third country;
- 4) using the mark on business papers in marketing; and
- 5) other corresponding use of the mark.

Verbal usage is also deemed to be the usage of the mark in the course of trade referred to in subsection 3 above.

Article 7

An exclusive right to a trademark does not prevent another party from using any of the following in the course of trade in accordance with good business practices:

- 1) one's own name, company name, auxiliary company name, secondary symbol or address;
- 2) markings indicating the kind, quality, quantity, purpose, value, geographical origin, manufacturing time or other characteristics of the goods; and
- 3) the trademark, if its use is necessary for indicating the purpose of the goods.

Article 13

A mark that is not distinctive in accordance with section 3 or for which an exclusive right cannot be obtained under section 5 does not meet the conditions of registration.

A trademark may not however be refused registration on the grounds of lack of distinctive character, if the trademark has become distinctive through use prior to the date on which the application for registration was filed.

Article 14

A trademark is not registered, if:

- 1) it is contrary to law and order or morality;
- 2) it is liable to mislead the public;
- 3) without proper permission, it includes state armorial bearings, a state flag or other state emblem; an official sign or hallmark, indicating control and warranty, for goods for which the mark is to be registered or for goods similar to them; the armorial bearings of a Finnish municipality, or the flag, armorial bearings or other emblem, name or abbreviation of an international intergovernmental organisation; or some other device, name or abbreviation, if its inclusion in the trademark can cause a risk of the public confusing the trademark with said emblem, sign, hallmark, name or abbreviation;
- 4) it is formed of something, or includes something, that is likely to give the impression that it is another party's protected company name or another party's auxiliary company name or secondary symbol of the kind referred to in section 5a, or the name or likeness of another person, unless the name or likeness is evidently that of someone deceased a long time ago;
- 5) it is formed of something, or includes something, that is likely to give the impression that it is the name of another's protected literary or artistic work, if the name is of a special nature, or if it infringes another's copyright in a work or another's rights in a photograph or a protected design;
- 6) it causes a risk that the public confuses it with the name, protected company name or auxiliary company name of another trader in such a manner that the confusion could be invoked under section 5 of the Trade Names Act (128/1979);
- 7) the proprietor of an earlier trademark possesses the exclusive right to using the mark as a sign of the goods in the course of trade;
- 8) the trademark applicant has made the application for registration in bad faith;
- 9) it causes a risk of confusion with the name of a plant variety protected in Finland or in the European Union;
- 10) there is an obstacle to the registration as referred to in Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs; Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007; Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89; or Regulation (EU) No 251/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of aromatised wine products and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91.

An earlier trademark referred to above in paragraph 7 of subsection 1 means:

- 1) a national trademark that was registered based on an earlier application, or that otherwise has earlier priority than the trademark applicant;
- 2) a trademark that is protected by an international registration and is valid in Finland or in the European Union, and that based on this registration has an earlier right in Finland or the European Union than the trademark applicant;
- 3) a Community trademark referred to in section 57, registered based on an earlier application than the trademark application, or that has seniority from Finland under Article 34 or 35 of the Council Regulation mentioned in section 57;
- 4) a trademark that is established when the registration is applied for.

In cases referred to in paragraphs 4—8 of subsection 1, the trademark can be registered with the consent of the party whose right is in question, and there is, according to subsection 1, otherwise no obstacle to registration.

Article 15

The exclusive rights in a trademark acquired by registration do not cover any part of the mark that cannot be registered as such.

If the trademark contains any such part and there are special reasons to believe that its registration may cause uncertainty regarding the extent of the exclusive rights granted, protection of the part may be specifically disclaimed when the registration is made.

If a part of a trademark excluded from protection later becomes registrable, a new registration may be made to cover that part or the entire trademark without the exclusion of the part from protection.

Article 17

The application for registration of a trademark shall be filed in writing with the registering authority. The application shall indicate the name or trade name of the applicant and the goods and classes of goods for which the mark is intended. The mark shall be clearly shown in the application.

A filing fee shall be paid on the filing of the application. The application shall not be considered filed until the fee has been paid.

Article 51a

Provisions on appeals against a decision of the Finnish Patent and Registration Office in a trademark matter are laid down in section 6 of the Act on the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (578/2013).

Article 56a

When the registration authority receives a notification of an international registration having effect in Finland from the International Bureau, it shall examine whether there is any obstacle to the registration.

Article 56b

If the registration authority finds that a trademark filed for international registration does not comply with the conditions of registration laid down in this Act, it shall notify the International Bureau that the international registration has no effect in Finland. The registration authority shall notify its refusal, together with a statement of all grounds, to the International Bureau before the expiry of a period of 18 months from the date of the International Bureau notification referred to in Article 56a.

If the statement issued by the proprietor of an international registration commenting on the notification by the registration authority referred to in the foregoing paragraph does not present any grounds on which the trademark could be deemed to comply with the conditions of registration laid down in this Act, the registration authority shall rule that the international registration has no or only a partial effect in Finland.

If the proprietor of an international registration has not within the given time limit submitted his statement commenting on the registration authority's notification referred to in paragraph 1, the international registration shall not take effect in Finland. If the said notification only concerned some of the goods in the international registration, the international registration shall take effect in Finland in respect of those of the goods that the notification did not concern.

Article 56c

If no obstacle to registration is found, the registration authority shall give public notice of the International Bureau notification referred to in Article 56a as laid down in the first paragraph of Article 20. The public notice shall specify the date accorded to the international registration by the International Bureau.

Any opposition to an international registration in Finland shall be filed in writing with the registration authority within two months of the date of the public notice.

Article 56d

The Finnish Patent and Registration Office sends a notification of an opposition referred to in section 56c, and grounds of it, to the International Bureau referred to in section 53. Regardless of whether the proprietor of the international registration has given a statement due to the notification, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office must examine the opposition.

Due to the opposition, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office must make a decision that the international registration has no effect in Finland, if the registration does not meet the conditions of registration under this act. If the registration meets the conditions of registration under this act only in part, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office must make a decision that the registration has effect only in part. The Finnish Patent and Registration Office must reject the opposition, if there is no obstacle to the international registration in Finland.

If the Finnish Patent and Registration Office decides that the international registration has no effect in Finland or has effect only in part, it makes an entry of this in the record referred to in section 53(2) and gives public notice of the decision once it has become final.

Article 56f

If the proprietor of an international registration who is not domiciled in Finland wishes to submit a statement to the Finnish Patent and Registration Office, the proprietor must appoint a representative resident in the European Economic Area. A corporate body domiciled in the European Economic Area may also act as a representative.

Article 56l

An appeal against a decision by the registration authority may be lodged by the applicant for or proprietor of an international registration who has sought such registration in Finland if the decision has been unfavorable to him or if the case has been dismissed.

An appeal against a decision taken by the registration authority declaring an international registration effective in Finland despite an opposition filed may be lodged by the person who filed the opposition. Even if the person who filed the opposition withdraws his appeal, the case may be examined if there are special reasons for doing so.

Article 51a shall apply as appropriate to appeals under the foregoing two paragraphs.

Article 57a

A request which concerns the conversion of a Community trade mark, an application therefor or an international registration designating the European Community into an application for a national trademark and which the Community Trade Mark Office has forwarded to the office, shall be treated as a national application provided that the applicant:

pays the prescribed fees; (2) submits the registering authority a translation in Finnish or Swedish of the conversion request and the accompanying annex filed in a foreign language; (3) gives the address at which the applicant can be reached in Finland; and (4) provides a representation of the trademark.

An application based on conversion of a Community trade mark or an application therefor is considered to have the same filing date, priority and seniority from Finland as the Community trade mark or the application therefor. An application based on conversion of an international registration designating the European Community has as its filing date the date of the international registration or that of a subsequent designation of the European Community, and it enjoys the priorities and seniorities of the international registration.

Finnish Trademarks Act (544/2019)**Article 107 paragraph 1**

The provisions of law in force at the time of the entry into force of this Act apply to the processing of administrative matters or administrative judicial matters and civil matters that are pending at the time of the entry into force of this Act. The provisions of law in force at the time of the entry into force of this Act apply to the processing of a matter also when appealing against a decision of the Finnish Patent and Registration Office or the Market Court in a matter, to which the provisions of law in force at the time of the entry into force of this Act apply.