

PROVISIONAL REFUSAL

according to rule 17(1) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol

Refusal not based on opposition

“EX OFFICIO”

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II. International registration number: 1485041

Trademark elements:

medbuy.online

III. Name and address of the holder: MEDINDUSTRY (CYPRUS) LIMITED

GRIVA DIGENI, 59, KAIMAKLIOTIS BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR , 6043 LARNACA, CHIPRE

IV. Grounds for refusal.

Relative grounds: The reproduction of a trademark already registered by another person for similar products or services or the imitation, in whole or in part, of a trademark previously registered by another person for identical or similar products or services that may mislead or confuse the consumer or comprise the risk of association with the already registered trademark.

a) Corresponding essential provisions of the applicable law under X: Art.º 232.º n.º 1, b) of IPC

V. Conflicting rights.

Application/registration number: MUE 002300762

Filing Date: 13/07/2001

Registration date (if available): 16/12/2003

Name and address of the owner: Mediaocean LLC

45 West 18th Street

New York, New York 10011

ESTADOS UNIDOS (DE AMÉRICA)

Trademark: MedBuyer

List of goods and/or services on which the conflict is based:

Cl. 35ª - BUSINESS CONSULTANCY SERVICES, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE, DISSEMINATION OF DATA, SERVICES FOR BUSINESS AND FOR ADVERTISING AGENCIES, DATA MANAGEMENT SERVICES, DATA SUPPORT SERVICES, IN PARTICULAR FOR BUSINESSES AND FOR ADVERTISING AGENCIES, DATA PROCESSING, DATABASE MANAGEMENT, THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND DATA, COMPILATION OF INFORMATION INTO COMPUTER DATABASES, PROVISION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO BUSINESS AND ADVERTISING, ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL SERVICES, ADVERTISING AGENCY SERVICES, PUBLICITY AGENCY SERVICES.

VI.

Refusal for all the services: Cl. 35ª - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS [RFPS]; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE IN RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR TENDERS; ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING OF PURCHASE ORDERS; ADMINISTRATION OF CONSUMER LOYALTY PROGRAMS; COST PRICE ANALYSIS; AUCTIONEERING; OUTSOURCED ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR COMPANIES; BOOK-KEEPING; WEB INDEXING FOR COMMERCIAL OR ADVERTISING PURPOSES; ACCOUNTING; NEGOTIATION OF BUSINESS CONTRACTS FOR OTHERS; MARKET STUDIES; OPINION POLLING; INVOICING; ARRANGING NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR OTHERS; PAYROLL PREPARATION; TAX PREPARATION; DEMONSTRATION OF GOODS; BUSINESS INQUIRIES; BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE; COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE; ADVISORY SERVICES FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT; BUSINESS RESEARCH; ECONOMIC FORECASTING; PROVIDING BUSINESS INFORMATION VIA A WEB SITE; COMPILATION OF INFORMATION INTO COMPUTER DATABASES; COMPILATION OF STATISTICS; BUSINESS INFORMATION; BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FOR FREELANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS; BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR OTHERS; INTERIM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT; COMMERCIAL INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR CONSUMERS IN THE CHOICE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES; COMMERCIAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE LICENSING OF THE GOODS AND SERVICES OF OTHERS; COMPUTERIZED FILE MANAGEMENT; MARKETING; MARKETING IN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOFTWARE PUBLISHING; TARGETED MARKETING; MARKETING RESEARCH; PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS CONTACT INFORMATION; PROVISION OF AN ON-LINE MARKETPLACE FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS OF GOODS AND SERVICES; WRITING OF PUBLICITY TEXTS; SCRIPTWRITING FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES; WORD PROCESSING; UPDATING OF ADVERTISING MATERIAL; UPDATING AND MAINTENANCE OF DATA IN COMPUTER DATABASES; UPDATING AND MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION IN REGISTRIES; WEB SITE TRAFFIC OPTIMIZATION; ORGANIZATION OF EXHIBITIONS FOR COMMERCIAL OR ADVERTISING PURPOSES; ORGANIZATION OF TRADE FAIRS FOR COMMERCIAL OR ADVERTISING PURPOSES; RENTAL OF ADVERTISING SPACE; PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT; BUSINESS INTERMEDIARY SERVICES RELATING TO THE MATCHING OF POTENTIAL PRIVATE INVESTORS WITH ENTREPRENEURS NEEDING FUNDING; OUTSOURCING SERVICES [BUSINESS ASSISTANCE]; COMMERCIAL INTERMEDIATION SERVICES; COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES; LAYOUT SERVICES FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES; PRICE COMPARISON SERVICES; MARKET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES; PROCUREMENT SERVICES FOR OTHERS [PURCHASING GOODS AND SERVICES FOR OTHER BUSINESSES]; GIFT REGISTRY SERVICES; WHOLESALE SERVICES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL, VETERINARY AND SANITARY PREPARATIONS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES; RETAIL SERVICES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL, VETERINARY AND SANITARY PREPARATIONS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES; DATA SEARCH IN COMPUTER FILES FOR OTHERS; SPONSORSHIP SEARCH; SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION FOR SALES PROMOTION; PRESENTATION OF GOODS ON COMMUNICATION MEDIA, FOR RETAIL PURPOSES; PUBLICITY MATERIAL RENTAL; RENTAL OF ADVERTISING TIME ON COMMUNICATION MEDIA; RENTAL OF VENDING MACHINES; RENTAL OF SALES STANDS; DIRECT MAIL ADVERTISING; PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING FOR THE SELECTION OF PERSONNEL; PUBLICATION OF PUBLICITY TEXTS; RADIO ADVERTISING; REGISTRATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA; ADVERTISING; PAY PER CLICK ADVERTISING; OUTDOOR ADVERTISING; ADVERTISING BY MAIL ORDER; ON-LINE ADVERTISING ON A COMPUTER NETWORK; DOCUMENT REPRODUCTION; BILL-POSTING; DISTRIBUTION OF SAMPLES; DISSEMINATION OF ADVERTISING MATTER; DESIGN OF ADVERTISING MATERIALS; SYSTEMIZATION OF INFORMATION INTO COMPUTER DATABASES; DRAWING UP OF STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS; COMPILING

INDEXES OF INFORMATION FOR COMMERCIAL OR ADVERTISING PURPOSES; SALES PROMOTION FOR OTHERS; PROMOTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH SPONSORSHIP OF SPORTS EVENTS; PRODUCTION OF TEleshopping PROGRAMMES; PRODUCTION OF ADVERTISING FILMS; TRANSCRIPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS [OFFICE FUNCTIONS]; TELEVISION ADVERTISING; TELEMARKEting SERVICES; NEGOTIATION AND CONCLUSION OF COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR THIRD PARTIES.

VII. Answer to the decision of refusal:

a) Time limit to file an answer: Within one (1) month following the date of the notification of provisional refusal sent by WIPO. Furthermore, this period can be extended once, for one (1) month, at the request of the interested party, online at <https://inpi.justica.gov.pt/>, by fax (+351 218 878 717), or by paper form.

b) Authority to which the answer should be filed:

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VIII. Date of the decision: 2020/04/03

IX. Date and signature: 2020.04.17 Sandra Maria Ribeiro de Andrade

X. Corresponding essential provisions of the applicable law:

Industrial Property Code

(approved by Decree-Law 110/2018 of 10 December)

Art. 208th – Composition of trademark

- 1 – A trademark may consist of a sign or set of signs that can be represented graphically, namely words - including the names of persons - ,drawings, letters, numbers and sounds, the form of the product or respective packaging, or by a sign or set of signs which may be represented in a way which enables the objective of the protection afforded to its holder to be determined in a clear and precise manner, provided that they adequately distinguish the products and services of one company from those of others.

Art. 209th – Exceptions

The conditions of [article 208th] are not met by:

- a) - Trademarks that are devoid of any distinctive character;
- b) - Signs that exclusively consist of the form or by another characteristic imposed by the nature of the product itself, the form or by another characteristic of the product necessary for obtaining a technical result or the form or by another characteristic that confers a substantial value on the product;
- c) - Signs that are exclusively made up of indications that may serve in commerce to designate the type, quality, quantity, purpose, value, geographic origin, period or means of production of the product or the service, or other characteristics thereof;
- d) - Trademarks that exclusively consist of signs or indications that have become common use in modern-day language or in the habitual and constant habits of commerce;

Art. 231th – Grounds for refusal of a registration

- 2 – [...] registration of a trademark is refused when:

- a) - It consists of signs that cannot be represented graphically or in such a way as to establish, in a clear and precise manner, the subject-matter of the protection afforded to its holder;
- b) - It consists of signs devoid of any distinctive character;
- c) - It consists exclusively of signs or indications referred to in Article 209(1) (b) to (d);

[...]

- 3 – Registration of a trademark will also be refused if it contains in some or all of its constitutive elements:

- a) - symbols, crests, emblems or distinctions of the state, municipalities or other Portuguese or foreign public or private bodies, the emblem and name of the Red Cross or other similar bodies and any signs covered by Article 6-ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property;
- b) - signs of a high symbolic value, such as religious symbols, unless these are authorised, where applicable, and except where they are customary in the current language or in the fair practice of trade in the goods or services to which the mark is intended and which are accompanied by elements which give it distinctive character;
- c) - expressions or figures that are contrary to the law, morals, public order and morality;
- d) - signs that may mislead the public, namely as to the nature, properties, utility or geographic origin of the product or service for which the trademark is designed;
- e) - signs or indications contrary to national law, European Union law or international agreements to which the European Union is a party, which confer protection of designations of origin and geographical indications;
- f) - signs or indications which contain in any or all of their elements traditional terms for wine which are protected by European Union law or by international agreements to which the European Union is a party;
- g) - signs or indications which contain, in all or some of their components, traditional specialties guaranteed that are protected by European Union law or by international agreements to which the European Union is a party;
- h) - signs or indications which contain, in all or some of their elements, plant variety denominations which are protected by European Union law or by international agreements to which the European Union is a party.

- 4 – Registration of a trademark that is made up exclusively of the national flag of the Portuguese Republic or some of its constitutive elements will also be refused.

- 5 – Registration will also be refused for a trademark that contains, amongst other elements, the national flag, wherever the trademark is likely to:

- a) - mislead the public as to the geographic origin of the products or services for which it is designed;
- b) - lead the consumer to erroneously think that the products or services come from an official body;
- c) - generate disrespect or a diminution of prestige for the national flag or any of its elements.

- 6 – When invoked by an interested party, it is also grounds for refusing to acknowledge that the application for registration was made in bad faith.

Art. 232th – Other grounds for refusal

- 6 – Further grounds for refusal of registration of a trademark are:

- a) - The reproduction of a trademark already registered by another person for identical products or services;
- b) - The reproduction of a trademark already registered by another person for similar products or services or the imitation, in whole or in part, of a trademark previously registered by another person for identical or similar products or services that may mislead or confuse the consumer or comprise the risk of association with the already registered trademark;
- c) - The reproduction of a logotype already registered by another person to distinguish an entity whose activity is identical to the

products or services for which the trademark is designed;

- d) - The reproduction of a logotype already registered by another person to distinguish an entity whose activity is similar to the products or services for which the trademark is designed or imitation in whole or in part, of a logotype already registered by another person to distinguish an entity whose activity is identical or similar to the products or services for which the trademark is designed, if it is likely to mislead or confuse the consumer;
- e) - The reproduction or imitation, in whole or in part, of a designation of origin or a geographical indication deserving protection under this Code, European Union legislation or international agreements to which the European Union is a party, and whose application has been filed before the date of filing of the trade mark application or, if applicable, before the date of the respective priority claimed, subject to its subsequent registration;
- f) - The violation of other industrial property rights;
- g) - The use of names, portraits or any other expressions or figurations without the authorisation of the persons they relate to or, if these are deceased, of their heirs or relatives to the fourth degree or, if authorisation is obtained, if it generates disrespect or diminution of prestige for those persons;
- h) - Recognition that the applicant's intent is one of unfair competition or that unfair competition is a possible outcome, regardless of the applicant's intention.

2 – When cited in an opposition, the following are also grounds for refusal:

- a) - reproduction or imitation of a business or corporate name and other distinctive signs, or merely a characteristic part thereof, that do not belong to the applicant or where the applicant is not authorised to use them, if it is likely to mislead or confuse the consumer;
- b) - violation of copyright;

[...]