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Ref. No.:

31212-285/2020-1

102SP(434)

Date:

23.09.2020

MADRID PROTOCOL

<u>Total</u> Provisional Refusal of Protection (Rule 17(1) of the Common Regulations)

1.	Office making the notification:
	Slovenian Intellectual Property Office
	Kotnikova 6
	SI-1000 Ljubljana
	Slovenia
11.	Number of the international registration: 1520869
111.	Name of the holder of the international registration: Henkel AG & Co. KGaA, Henkelstraße 67 40589 Düsseldorf, DE
IV.	Information concerning the type of provisional refusal:
	Please indicate the type of refusal by checking only one of the following options:
	X Total provisional refusal based on an ex officio examination
V.	Information concerning the scope of the provisional refusal:
	Total provisional refusal affects all the goods and/or services.

VI. Grounds for refusal

43 (1) b, c

The mark consists exclusively of the words "NutriBalance Repair", being a sign which may serve in trade, to designate the kind and other characteristics of the goods/services.

The mark is devoid of any distinctive character. It is considered that the words "NutriBalance Repair" should be available for the other manufacturers in the relevant field to use and cannot be monopolized through registration as a trade mark.

- VII. 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 registration may request a review of the provisional refusal. The Slovenian Office must receive the request no later than 3 months * from the date of this provisional refusal (the time limit starts from the date indicated under point IX). After a period the Office will issuing its final decision.

*with the written request the deadline may be extended for 3 months

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

Office indicated under I

(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:

The request for the review must be filed through the intermediary of a representative domiciled in Slovenia. The list of trademark agents is available on http://www.uil-sipo/addition/resources/patent-and-trademark-agents/

VIII. Signature or official seal of the Office making the notification: Saša

IX. Date of the notification to the International Bureau: 23.09.202

X. Corresponding essential provisions of the applicable law is available on: http://www.uil-sipo.si/fileadmin/upload_folder/zakonodaja/ZIL_EN_2006.pdf, https://www.uradni-list.si/glasilo-uradni-list-rs/vsebina/2020-01-0555/zakon-o-spremembah-in-dopolnitvah-zakona-o-industrijski-lastnini-zil-1e?h=industrijski%20lastnini