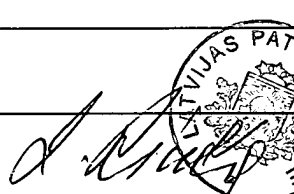


**MADRID AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION
OF MARKS AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THAT AGREEMENT**

CONFIRMATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF A PROVISIONAL REFUSAL

Statement sent to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
(WIPO) in accordance with Rule 17(5) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid
Agreement and Protocol

I. Office sending the statement: Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia Citadeles iela 7/70 Rīga, LV-1010, Latvia		phone 371 67099604 fax 371 67099650
II. Number of the international registration: 826 595		
III. Name of the holder of the international registration: Republic Tobacco, L.P. 2301 Ravine Way Glenview, IL 60025 United States of America		
IV.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The notification is sent in accordance with Rule 17(5)(a) ¹ <input type="checkbox"/> The notification is sent in accordance with Rule 17(5)(b) ²	
V.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of the mark is refused for all the goods and/or services <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of the mark is granted for all the goods and/or services <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of the mark is granted for the following goods and/or services ³ :	
VI.	Date of the statement: 04.01.2008	
VII.	Signature or official seal of the Office sending the statement: L.Rinka 	

¹ A statement under Rule 17(5)(a) is sent once ALL PROCEDURES BEFORE THE OFFICE have been completed.

² A statement under Rule 17(5)(b) is a statement concerning a FURTHER DECISION affecting the protection of a mark, SUBSEQUENT to the sending of a statement in accordance with Rule 17(5)(a).

³ ALL the goods and/or services for which protection is granted, INCLUDING those which were not concerned by the provisional refusal, should be indicated here. Where all the goods or services included in a given class are accepted, ONLY THE NUMBER of that class should be indicated.