



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
MINISTRY OF  
COMMERCE, INDUSTRY  
AND TOURISM



DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES  
AND OFFICIAL RECEIVER  
INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY SECTION  
TRADE MARKS  
1427 NICOSIA CYPRUS

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

**PROVISIONAL REFUSAL OF PROTECTION**

Notified to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in accordance with Rule 17(1) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol

I. Office making the notification:

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM,  
THE DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AND OFFICIAL RECEIVER,  
KARPENISIOU & MAKARIOU STR., XENIOS BLDG., 1427 NICOSIA, CYPRUS**

II. Number of the international registration: **963 464 (HOME MARKET)**

III. Name of the holder of the international registration:  
**TAPIS SAINT MACLOU  
330 rue Carnot  
F-59150 WATTRELOS  
(France)**

- IV. ☒ Provisional refusal based on an *ex-officio* examination  
☐ Provisional refusal based on an opposition<sup>1</sup>  
☐ Provisional refusal based on both an *ex-officio* examination and an opposition<sup>1</sup>

V. ☒ Provisional refusal for all the goods as indicated in the Notification of the International Registration under class 19.

☐ Provisional refusal for some of the goods and/or services:

VI. Grounds for refusal [(where applicable, see item VII)]: Refusal based on absolute grounds for refusal.

<sup>1</sup> The name and address of the opponent should also be provided.

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VII. Information relating to an earlier mark<sup>3</sup>

- (i) Filing date and number, and, if any, priority date;
- (ii) Registration date and number (if available);
- (iii) Name and address of the owner;
- (iv) Reproduction of the mark;
- (v) List of all or relevant goods and/or services;

## VIII. Corresponding essential provisions of the applicable law [(see text under XII)]:

Under Section 11(1) (b) and (c), the following shall not be registered,

(b) Trademarks that lack distinctive character.

(c) Trademarks which consist exclusively of signs or indications which may be utilized in trade, to indicate the kind, quality, quantity, destination, value, geographical origin or the time of production of the good or the rendering of the service or other characteristics of the good or service.

## IX. Information relating to subsequent procedure:

Within two months (2) from the date of this communication, unless the applicant's authorized representative applies for a hearing or makes a considered reply in writing to the Registrar's objections, he shall be deemed to have withdrawn his application.

An advocate – practicing Law in Cyprus – needs to be appointed, who will act as the applicant's representative before our Office.

Since we do not keep or issue any lists of lawyers, we give you below details of the CYPRUS Bar Association, who you may contact for further information and a list of

<sup>3</sup> Where the grounds on which the provisional refusal is based relate to an earlier mark, as indicated under item VI. The indication required under this item may be given by annexing a printout from the register or database.

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**advocates:**

**Cyprus Bar Association**  
**11, Florinis Street,**  
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However, in case you are an advocate practicing Law overseas, you are required to obtain a license for practicing Law in Cyprus, by applying to the **LAW COUNCIL OF THE CYPRUS REPUBLIC** (fax no. +22665080), who will certify that you comply with the Cyprus Advocates Law CAP.2.

X. Date of the notification of provisional refusal: August 3, 2010

XI. Signature or official seal of the Office making the notification



**(Sgd.) R. EPIPHANIOU**

For the Registrar of Trademarks