

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)
OFFICE ACTION (OFFICIAL LETTER) ABOUT APPLICANT'S TRADEMARK APPLICATION

U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 79145091

MARK: MELLIVITALS

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STRICT DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THIS NOTIFICATION: TO AVOID ABANDONMENT OF THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROTECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION, THE USPTO MUST RECEIVE A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO THIS PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL NOTIFICATION **WITHIN 6 MONTHS** OF THE "DATE ON WHICH THE NOTIFICATION WAS SENT TO WIPO (MAILING DATE)" LOCATED ON THE WIPO COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING THIS NOTIFICATION.

In addition to the Mailing Date appearing on the WIPO cover letter, a holder (hereafter "applicant") may confirm this Mailing Date using the USPTO's Trademark Status and Document Retrieval (TSDR) system at <http://tsdr.uspto.gov/>. To do so, enter the U.S. application serial number for this application and then select "Documents." The Mailing Date used to calculate the response deadline for this provisional full refusal is the "Create/Mail Date" of the "IB-1st Refusal Note."

This is a **PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL** of the request for extension of protection of the mark in the above-referenced U.S. application. See 15 U.S.C. §1141h(c). See below in this notification (hereafter "Office action") for details regarding the provisional full refusal.

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES that applicant must address:

- Identification of Goods
- Explanation of Mark's Significance Required

SEARCH RESULTS

The trademark examining attorney has searched the Office's database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). TMEP §704.02; see 15 U.S.C. §1052(d).

IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS

The wording "biological preparations for medical purposes," "dietary fiber," "dietetic beverages adapted for medical purposes," "dietetic foods adapted for medical purposes," "dietetic substances adapted for medical use," "hematogen," "medical infusions," "nervines," "preparations of trace elements for human and animal use," "serums," and "sugar for medical purposes" in the identification of goods is indefinite and must be clarified because the nature of the goods is unclear. See TMEP §1402.01. Applicant must amend the identification to specify the common commercial name of the goods. If there is no common commercial name, applicant must describe the product and its intended uses. See *id.*

For example, the entries "biological preparations for medical purposes," "dietary fiber," "medical infusions," "nervines," and "serums" must describe the condition the goods treat. And the entries for "dietetic beverages adapted for medical purposes," "dietetic foods adapted for medical purposes," "dietetic substances adapted for medical use," "hematogen," "preparations of trace elements for human and animal use," and "sugar for medical purposes" must clearly specify the form of the goods and/or their purpose, e.g. "herbal teas," "dietary supplements," "milk sugar for medical purposes," "dietetic sugar substitutes for medical use," etc. The examining attorney has made suggested amendments in bold below.

Applicant may adopt the following identification of goods, if accurate:

Albumin dietary supplements; albuminous foodstuffs for medical purposes; albuminous preparations for medical purposes; alginate dietary supplements; aloe vera preparations for pharmaceutical purposes; antioxidant pills; appetite suppressant pills; balms for medical purposes; bath preparations, medicated; biocides; biological preparations for medical purposes, **namely, biological preparations for the treatment of impaired immunity**; by-products of the processing of cereals for dietetic or medical purposes; casein dietary supplements; cod liver oil; decoctions for pharmaceutical purposes; dietary fiber **to aid digestion**; dietetic beverages, **namely, herbal teas**, adapted for medical purposes; dietetic foods, **namely, vitamin enriched bread** adapted for medical purposes; dietetic **sugar substitutes** for medical use; digestives for pharmaceutical purposes; enzyme dietary supplements; flaxseed dietary supplements; flaxseed oil dietary supplements; flour for pharmaceutical purposes; food for babies; glucose dietary supplements; hematogen, **namely, nutritional and dietary supplements formed and packaged as bars**; lacteal flour for babies; lecithin dietary supplements; liniments; lotions for pharmaceutical purposes; medicinal herbs; medicinal infusions **for treating impaired immunity**; medicinal oils; medicinal roots; medicinal tea; milk of almonds for pharmaceutical purposes; milk ferments

for pharmaceutical purposes; mineral food supplements; nervines, **namely, medicinal preparations for the treatment of the nervous system**; nutritional supplements; pearl powder for medical purposes; pharmaceutical preparations for skin care; pollen dietary supplements; propolis for pharmaceutical purposes; preparations of trace elements for human and animal use, **namely, dietary supplements**; propolis dietary supplements; protein dietary supplements; royal jelly dietary supplements; royal jelly for pharmaceutical purposes; slimming pills; **medicated hair** serums; **milk** sugar for medical purposes; tonics medicines; vitamin preparations; wheat germ dietary supplements; yeast dietary supplements; yeast for pharmaceutical purposes

An applicant may amend an identification of goods and/or services only to clarify or limit the goods and/or services; adding to or broadening the scope of the goods and/or services is not permitted. 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); *see* TMEP §1904.02(c)(iv). In an application filed under Trademark Act Section 66(a), the scope of the identification for purposes of permissible amendments is limited by the international class assigned by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (International Bureau). 37 C.F.R. §2.85(f); TMEP §§1402.07(a), 1904.02(c). If an applicant amends the identification to a class other than that assigned by the International Bureau, the amendment will not be accepted because it will exceed the scope and those goods and/or services will no longer have a basis for registration under U.S. law. TMEP §§1402.01(c), 1904.02(c).

In addition, in a Section 66(a) application, an applicant may not change the classification of goods and/or services from that assigned by the International Bureau in the corresponding international registration. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §§1401.03(d), 1402.01(c). Further, in a multiple-class Section 66(a) application, an applicant may not transfer goods and/or services from one existing international class to another. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §§1401.03(d), 1402.01(c).

For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable *U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual* at <http://tess2.uspto.gov/netahtml/tidm.html>. *See* TMEP §1402.04.

EXPLANATION OF MARK'S SIGNIFICANCE REQUIRED

Applicant must specify whether the wording "MELLIVITALS" has any significance in the cosmetic and/or health trade or industry or as applied to the goods and/or services described in the application, or if such wording is a "term of art" within applicant's industry. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §814.

Failure to respond to a request for information is an additional ground for refusing registration. *See In re Cheezwhse.com, Inc.*, 85 USPQ2d 1917, 1919 (TTAB 2008); *In re DTI P'ship LLP*, 67 USPQ2d 1699, 1701 (TTAB 2003); TMEP §814.

RESPONSE GUIDELINES

For this application to proceed toward registration, applicant must explicitly address each refusal and/or requirement raised in this Office action. If the action includes a refusal, applicant may provide arguments and/or evidence as to why the refusal should be withdrawn and the mark should register. Applicant may also have other options for responding to a refusal and should consider such options carefully. To respond to requirements and certain refusal response options, applicant should set forth in writing the required changes or statements.

If applicant does not respond to this Office action within six months of the date on which the USPTO sends this Office action to the International Bureau, or responds by expressly abandoning the application, the application process will end, the trademark will fail to register, and the application fee will not be refunded. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.65(a), 2.68(a), 2.209(a); TMEP §§711, 718.01, 718.02. Where the application has been abandoned for failure to respond to an Office action, applicant's only option would be to file a timely petition to revive the application, which, if granted, would allow the application to return to active status. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.66; TMEP §1714. There is a \$100 fee for such petitions. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.6, 2.66(b)(1).

WHO IS PERMITTED TO RESPOND TO THIS PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL: Any response to this provisional refusal must be personally signed by an individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant (e.g., a corporate officer or general partner). 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(b), 2.193(e)(2)(ii); TMEP §712.01. If applicant hires a qualified U.S. attorney to respond on his or her behalf, then the attorney must sign the response. 37 C.F.R. §§2.193(e)(2)(i), 11.18(a); TMEP §§611.03(b), 712.01. Qualified U.S. attorneys include those in good standing with a bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other federal territories and possessions of the United States. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.17(a), 2.62(b), 11.1, 11.14(a); TMEP §§602, 712.01. Additionally, for all responses, the proper signatory must personally sign the document or personally enter his or her electronic signature on the electronic filing. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.193(a); TMEP §§611.01(b), 611.02. The name of the signatory must also be printed or typed immediately below or adjacent to the signature, or identified elsewhere in the filing. 37 C.F.R. §2.193(d); TMEP §611.01(b).

In general, foreign attorneys are not permitted to represent applicants before the USPTO (e.g., file written communications, authorize an amendment to an application, or submit legal arguments in response to a requirement or refusal). *See* 37 C.F.R. §§11.14(c), (e); TMEP §§602.03-.03(b), 608.01.

DESIGNATION OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE: The USPTO encourages applicants who do not reside in the United States to designate a domestic representative upon whom any notice or process may be served. TMEP §610; *see* 15 U.S.C. §§1051(e), 1141h(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.24(a)(1)-(2). Such designations may be filed online at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/teas/correspondence.jsp>.

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All informal e-mail communications relevant to this application will be placed in the official application record.

WHO MUST SIGN THE RESPONSE: It must be personally signed by an individual applicant or someone with legal authority to bind an applicant (i.e., a corporate officer, a general partner, all joint applicants). If an applicant is represented by an attorney, the attorney must sign the response.

PERIODICALLY CHECK THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION: To ensure that applicant does not miss crucial deadlines or official notices, check the status of the application every three to four months using the Trademark Status and Document Retrieval (TSDR) system at <http://tsdr.uspto.gov/>. Please keep a copy of the TSDR status screen. If the status shows no change for more than six months, contact the Trademark Assistance Center by e-mail at TrademarkAssistanceCenter@uspto.gov or call 1-800-786-9199. For more information on checking status, see <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/status/>.

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