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**OFFICE ACTION**

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**STRICT DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THIS NOTIFICATION:** TO AVOID PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF THE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PROTECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION, THE USPTO MUST RECEIVE A COMPLETE RESPONSE TO THIS PROVISIONAL PARTIAL 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.

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This is a **PROVISIONAL PARTIAL REFUSAL** of the request for extension of protection of the mark in the above-referenced U.S. application that applies to only the following goods in the application:

**INT'L. CL. 7:**

Agricultural machines; net hauling machines [fishing]; woodworking machines; diaper production machines; machines for the textile industry; dyeing machines; food preparation machines, electromechanical; brewing machines; cigarette machines for industrial purposes; leather-working machines; machines for the bicycle industry; machines for the ceramics industry, including ceramics machines for building; computer aided carver; machines for battery industry; machines for processing of local special products and sundry goods; enamel manufacturing machines; lamp bulbs manufacturing machines; honeycomb briquette manufacturing machines; kitchen machines, electric; washing machines; machines for pharmaceutical industry; vulcanisation apparatus; fertilizer equipments; electromechanical machines for chemical industry; hammers [parts of machines]; moulding machines; fittings for engine boilers; internal combustion engines, excluding engines of automobiles, tractors, corn combine harvesters, motorcycles, chain saws, steamers; hydroelectric power generating equipment; clip manufacturing machines; button manufacturing machines; machines for manufacturing electric wires and cables; hand-held tools, other than hand-operated; equipment for electron industry; optics cold processing equipment and machines; gas separating equipment; control mechanisms for machines, engines or motors; pumps [machines]; valves [parts of machines]; washing apparatus;

condensing installations;

**INT'L. CL. 9:**

monitors [computer hardware]; processors [central processing units]; USB flash drives; mouse [computer peripheral]; computer software, recorded; electronic publications, downloadable; cheque recording apparatus; ticket dispensers; lottery machines; measures; navigational instruments; global positioning system GPS apparatus; network communication equipment; optical communication equipment; navigation apparatus for vehicles on-board computers; stored program control (SPC) telephone switching equipment; television apparatus; monitoring apparatus, electric; electronic teaching and learning machines; electronic voice text machines; cameras [photography]; projection machines; projection machines for teaching purposes; surveying apparatus; automatic indicators of low pressure in vehicle tires [tyres]; speed checking apparatus for vehicles; gasometers [measuring instruments]; meters for internal combustion engines; logs [measuring instruments]; mileage recorders for vehicles; audiovisual teaching apparatus; measuring devices, electric; probes for scientific purposes; optical apparatus and instruments; materials for electricity mains [wires, cables]; electronic chips; stabilized voltage supply; remote controllers for household purpose; optical fibers [fibres] [light conducting filaments]; regulating apparatus, electric; lightning conductors [rods]; radiological apparatus for industrial purposes; protection devices for personal use against accidents; protection devices for personal use against accidents; alarms; spectacles [optics]; remote controlled car arresters, portable; clothing, electrically heated; reversing radars; car monitors; apparatus to check franking;

**INT'L. CL. 11:**

light-emitting diodes LED lighting apparatus; pressure cookers [autoclaves], electric; microwave ovens [cooking apparatus]; ventilation [air-conditioning] installations and apparatus; fans [air-conditioning]; bathroom heat lamp installations; disinfectant apparatus; lighting apparatus and installations; cooking apparatus and installations; heating apparatus; hot water heating installations; sanitary apparatus and installations; disposable sterilization pouches; lighters. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1141h(c). *See* below in this notification (hereafter "Office action") for details regarding the provisional partial 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.

**SEARCH OF OFFICE'S DATABASE OF MARKS**

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 identification of goods and/or services contains brackets. Generally, parentheses and brackets should *not* be used in identifications. TMEP §1402.12. The USPTO generally uses brackets to indicate goods and services that have been deleted from registrations. *See id.* Parenthetical information is permitted in identifications only if it serves to explain or translate the matter immediately preceding the parenthetical phrase in such a way that it does not affect the clarity of the identification, e.g., "obi (Japanese sash)." *Id.*

Therefore, applicant must remove the brackets from the identification and incorporate any parenthetical or bracketed information into the description of the goods.

Applicant must correct the misspelled word "milage" that appear in Int'l. CL. 9. TMEP §1402.01(a).

**INT'L. CL. 7:**

The wording "Agricultural machines; net hauling machines [fishing]; woodworking machines; diaper production machines; machines for the textile industry; dyeing machines; food preparation machines, electromechanical; brewing machines; cigarette machines for industrial purposes; leather-working machines; machines for the bicycle industry; machines for the ceramics industry, including ceramics machines for building; computer aided carver; machines for battery industry; machines for processing of local special products and sundry goods; enamel manufacturing machines; lamp bulbs manufacturing machines; honeycomb briquette manufacturing machines; kitchen machines, electric; washing machines; machines for pharmaceutical industry; vulcanisation apparatus; fertilizer equipments; electromechanical machines for chemical industry; hammers [parts of machines]; moulding machines; fittings for engine boilers; internal combustion engines, excluding engines of automobiles, tractors, corn combine harvesters, motorcycles, chain saws, steamers; hydroelectric power generating equipment; clip manufacturing machines; button manufacturing machines; machines for manufacturing electric wires and cables; hand-held

tools, other than hand-operated; equipment for electron industry; optics cold processing equipment and machines; gas separating equipment; control mechanisms for machines, engines or motors; pumps [machines]; valves [parts of machines]; washing apparatus; condensing installations” in the identification of goods is indefinite and must be clarified because it is unclear, uses unacceptable brackets and does not state the common commercial name of the goods. *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.*

#### INT’L. CL. 9:

The wording “monitors [computer hardware]; processors [central processing units]; USB flash drives; mouse [computer peripheral]; computer software, recorded; electronic publications, downloadable; cheque recording apparatus; ticket dispensers; lottery machines; measures; navigational instruments; global positioning system GPS apparatus; network communication equipment; optical communication equipment; navigation apparatus for vehicles on-board computers; stored program control (SPC) telephone switching equipment; television apparatus; monitoring apparatus, electric; electronic teaching and learning machines; electronic voice text machines; cameras [photography]; projection machines; projection machines for teaching purposes; surveying apparatus; automatic indicators of low pressure in vehicle tires [tyres]; speed checking apparatus for vehicles; gasometers [measuring instruments]; meters for internal combustion engines; logs [measuring instruments]; milage recorders for vehicles; audiovisual teaching apparatus; measuring devices, electric; probes for scientific purposes; optical apparatus and instruments; materials for electricity mains [wires, cables]; electronic chips; stabilized voltage supply; remote controllers for household purpose; optical fibers [fibres] [light conducting filaments]; regulating apparatus, electric; lightning conductors [rods]; radiological apparatus for industrial purposes; protection devices for personal use against accidents; protection devices for personal use against accidents; alarms; spectacles [optics]; remote controlled car arresters, portable; clothing, electrically heated; reversing radars; car monitors; apparatus to check franking” in the identification of goods is indefinite and must be clarified because it uses unacceptable brackets, it is unclear, includes a misspelled word and does not state the common commercial name of the goods. *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.*

#### INT’L. CL. 11:

The wording “light-emitting diodes LED lighting apparatus; pressure cookers [autoclaves], electric; microwave ovens [cooking apparatus]; ventilation [air-conditioning] installations and apparatus; fans [air-conditioning]; bathroom heat lamp installations; disinfectant apparatus; lighting apparatus and installations; cooking apparatus and installations; heating apparatus; hot water heating installations; sanitary apparatus and installations; disposable sterilization pouches; lighters” in the identification of goods is indefinite and must be clarified because it is unclear, uses unacceptable brackets and does not state the common commercial name of the goods. *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.*

### RECOMMENDED IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS

Applicant may adopt the following identification of goods, if accurate [**new matter in bold type**]:

Agricultural machines, namely, cultivators, harvesters, disk harrows, seeder, sower and reapers; net hauling machines; woodworking machines, namely, sanding machines, laser engraving machines for woodworking and saw-tooth setting machines; papermaking machines; disposable diaper production machines; printing machines; machines for the textile industry, textile bonding, calendaring, making-up, scotching, tentering and washing machines; dip-dyeing machines; food preparation machines, electromechanical, namely, electric food processors, electric ice crushers and electric shaving machines; brewing machines, namely, beer pumps; automated machines for the manufacture of cigarettes; leather tanning machines; sewing machines; bending machines for metal working for the bicycle industry; polishing machines for use in grinding and polishing ceramics; computer aided carver, namely, die-cutting machines; machines for battery industry, namely, electric generators; machines for processing of local special products and sundry goods, namely, edible kelp processing machines; enamel manufacturing machines, namely, grinding and polishing machines; lamp bulbs manufacturing machines, namely, casting machines; wrapping machines; honeycomb briquette manufacturing machines, namely, industrial machine presses; kitchen machines, electric, namely, electric mixers; washing machines for clothes; machines used for process filtration in the pharmaceutical industry; Rubber vulcanizing apparatus; glass working machines; fertilizer spreaders; electromechanical marking machines used in the chemical industry; rolling mills; oil refining machines; mixing machines; hoists; derricks; electric hammers; compression moulding machines; fittings for engine boilers, namely, flues for engine boilers; internal combustion engines, excluding engines of automobiles, tractors, corn combine, harvesters, motorcycles, chain saws and tractors, namely, gaskets for internal combustion engines; hydroelectric generators; clip manufacturing machines, namely, industrial machine presses; button assembling machines; machines for manufacturing electric wires and cables, namely, metal working machines; hand-held battery actuated hydraulic crimp tools; laser welding machines used in electron industry; optics cold processing equipment and machines, namely, power-operated grinding wheels for optical lens grinding; gas separators; painting machines; starters for motors and engines; hydraulic controls for machines, motors and engines; mufflers for automobile engine; pumps for machines; valves being parts of machines; compressed air machines; compressors for refrigerators; hydraulic couplers; connecting rods for machines, motors and engines; speed governors for machines, engines and motors; belts for machines; electric welding machines; washing apparatus, namely, washing machines for industrial parts; shoe polishers, electric; electroplating machines; condensing installations, namely, air condensers—Int’l. CL. 7;

Computers; computer memories; computer monitors; laptop computers; notebook computers; central processing units; Blank USB Flash drives;

Pre-recorded USB Flash drives featuring [Applicant must provide the subject matter i.e. music, etc.]; computer peripheral devices; computer keyboards; **computer mouse**; electronic pocket translators; **computer software recorded on data media designed for use in the construction and automated manufacturing**; computer game software; **downloadable electronic publications in the nature of books, magazines and manual in the field of computer games**; wireless network cards; touch screens; personal digital assistants (PDA); time recording apparatus; **electronic parking lot ticket dispersers**; electronic tags for goods; **video lottery ticket terminals**; facsimile machines; weighing machines; **tape measures**; electronic notice boards; neon signs; portable telephones; transmitters of electronic signals; radar apparatus; **electric navigational instruments**; **global positioning system**; **network communication equipment, namely, headsets for use with computers**; **optical communication equipment, namely, digital transmitters, optical data links, optical receivers, optical transceivers and optical transmitters**; **navigation apparatus for vehicles in the nature of on-board computers**; **stored program control digital telephone switching apparatus**; **television apparatus for projection purposes**; **monitoring apparatus, electric, namely, electric monitors and monitor modules for monitoring electric current and electrical signals**; tape recorders; video recorders; camcorders; DVD players; headphones; **electronic teaching and learning machines, namely, electronic clinicians and sport training simulators**; portable media players; television cameras; **electronic text-messaging device for use in conjunction with personal digital assistants**; set top boxes; **cameras**; **slide projection apparatus for teaching purpose**; **surveying machines and instruments**; aerometers; automatic indicators of low pressure in vehicle tires; speedometers for vehicles; gasometers; kilometer recorders for vehicles; **gas meters for internal combustion engines**; **logs, namely, distance measuring apparatus**; **mileage recorder for vehicles, namely, odometers**; hydrometers; audiovisual teaching apparatus, namely, artificial limbs for medical instruction purposes; measuring devices, namely, electric fluorometers; ultrasound probes, not for medical use; optical apparatus and instruments, namely, optical ports for underwater photography, wet diopters, and adapter lenses for underwater photography; material for electricity mains, namely, electrical wires and cables; semi-conductors; integrated circuits; **electronic chips for the manufacture of integrated circuits**; light-emitting diode (LED); **stabilized voltage power supply**; low-voltage power supply; fluorescent screens; video screens; **remote controls for gas stoves and fireplaces, radios, televisions and stereos for household purposes**; **optical fibers and light conducting filaments**; **apparatus for regulating electric current**; electric installations for the remote control of industrial operations; **lightning rods**; electrolyzers; fire extinguishers; radiological apparatus for industrial purposes; **clothing for protection against accidents, irradiation and fire**; **sound alarms**; **spectacles**; batteries, electric; **video disks and video tapes with recorded animated cartoons**; **portable remote controlled car arresters, namely, remote control transmitters and receivers for remotely operating land vehicles**; radar apparatus; car monitors, namely, electronic tire pressure monitors; liquid crystal displays—Int'l. CL. 9;

Air conditioning installations; **light-emitting diodes lighting fixtures**; **electric pressure cookers**; **microwave ovens**; freezers; refrigerators; **air conditioning, air cooling and ventilation apparatus**; fans for air conditioning apparatus; solar water heaters; **bathroom heat lamp fixture**; **dish disinfectant apparatus for industrial purpose**; **disinfectant apparatus for banknotes**; drinking water dispensers; lamps; **light apparatus, namely, lighting installations**; **cooking apparatus and installations, namely, cooktops, electric cooking stoves, gas cooking stoves and wood burning cooking stoves**; lighting apparatus for vehicles; germicidal lamps for purifying air; curling lamps; electric water heaters; lava rocks for use in barbecue grills; refrigerating appliances and installations; air conditioning installations; air conditioning apparatus; electric hair driers; **floor, pavement, space and steam heating apparatus**; **heating apparatus for vehicles**; soap bubble and foam generators for shows; **hot water heating installations, namely, hot water tanks**; ornamental fountains; **sanitary installations in the nature of steam rooms**; water purification installations; **disposable sterilization pouches, not for medical use**; radiators, electric; **friction lighters for igniting Bunsen burners and igniting gas**; nuclear reactors—Int'l. CL. 11. See TMEP §1402.01.

An applicant may only amend an identification to clarify or limit the goods, but not to add to or broaden the scope of the goods. 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 an 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 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 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/netahand/tidm.html>. See TMEP §1402.04.

Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration.

**FAILING TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN PARTIAL ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION:** If applicant does not respond to this Office action within the six-month period for response, the following goods in International Classes 7, 9 and 11 will be **deleted from the application**:

Agricultural machines; net hauling machines [fishing]; woodworking machines; diaper production machines; machines for the textile industry; dyeing machines; food preparation machines, electromechanical; brewing machines; cigarette machines for industrial purposes; leather-working machines; machines for the bicycle industry; machines for the ceramics industry, including ceramics machines for building; computer aided carver; machines for battery industry; machines for processing of local special products and sundry goods; enamel manufacturing machines; lamp bulbs manufacturing machines; honeycomb briquette manufacturing machines; kitchen machines, electric; washing machines; machines for pharmaceutical industry; vulcanisation apparatus; fertilizer equipments; electromechanical machines for chemical industry; hammers [parts of machines]; moulding machines; fittings for engine boilers; internal combustion engines, excluding engines of automobiles, tractors, corn combine harvesters, motorcycles, chain saws, steamers; hydroelectric power generating equipment; clip manufacturing machines; button manufacturing machines; machines for manufacturing electric wires and cables; hand-held tools, other than hand-operated; equipment for electron industry; optics cold processing equipment and machines; gas separating equipment; control mechanisms for machines, engines or motors; pumps [machines]; valves [parts of machines]; washing apparatus; condensing installations—Int'l. CL. 7;

monitors [computer hardware]; processors [central processing units]; USB flash drives; mouse [computer peripheral]; computer software,

recorded; electronic publications, downloadable; cheque recording apparatus; ticket dispensers; lottery machines; measures; navigational instruments; global positioning system GPS apparatus; network communication equipment; optical communication equipment; navigation apparatus for vehicles on-board computers; stored program control (SPC) telephone switching equipment; television apparatus; monitoring apparatus, electric; electronic teaching and learning machines; electronic voice text machines; cameras [photography]; projection machines; projection machines for teaching purposes; surveying apparatus; automatic indicators of low pressure in vehicle tires [tyres]; speed checking apparatus for vehicles; gasometers [measuring instruments]; meters for internal combustion engines; logs [measuring instruments]; milage recorders for vehicles; audiovisual teaching apparatus; measuring devices, electric; probes for scientific purposes; optical apparatus and instruments; materials for electricity mains [wires, cables]; electronic chips; stabilized voltage supply; remote controllers for household purpose; optical fibers [fibres] [light conducting filaments]; regulating apparatus, electric; lightning conductors [rods]; radiological apparatus for industrial purposes; protection devices for personal use against accidents; protection devices for personal use against accidents; alarms; spectacles [optics]; remote controlled car arresters, portable; clothing, electrically heated; reversing radars; car monitors; apparatus to check franking—Int'l. CL. 9;

light-emitting diodes LED lighting apparatus; pressure cookers [autoclaves], electric; microwave ovens [cooking apparatus]; ventilation [air-conditioning] installations and apparatus; fans [air-conditioning]; bathroom heat lamp installations; disinfectant apparatus; lighting apparatus and installations; cooking apparatus and installations; heating apparatus; hot water heating installations; sanitary apparatus and installations; disposable sterilization pouches; lighters—Int'l. CL. 11.

In such case, the application will then proceed only with the following goods in International Class 7, 9 and 11:

papermaking machines; printing machines; sewing machines; wrapping machines; glass working machines; rolling mills; oil refining machines; mixing machines; hoists; derricks; painting machines; starters for motors and engines; mufflers for automobiles engine; compressed air machines; compressors for refrigerators; hydraulic couplers; connecting rods for machines, motors and engines; speed governors for machines, engines and motors; belts for machines; electric welding machines; shoe polishers, electric; electroplating machines—Int'l. CL. 7;

Computers; computer memories; laptop computers; notebook computers; computer peripheral devices; computer keyboards; electronic pocket translators; computer game software; wireless network cards; touch screens; personal digital assistants (PDA); time recording apparatus; electronic tags for goods; facsimile machines; weighting machines; electronic notice boards; neon signs; portable telephones; transmitters of electronic signals; radar apparatus; tape recorders; video recorders; camcorders; DVD players; headphones; portable media players; television cameras; set top boxes; surveying instruments; aerometers; kilometer recorders for vehicles; hydrometers; semi-conductors; integrated circuits; light-emitting diode (LED); low-voltage power supply; fluorescent screens; video screens; electric installations for the remote control of industrial operations; electrolyzers; fire extinguishers; radiological apparatus for industrial purposes; batteries, electric; liquid crystal displays—Int'l. CL. 9;

Air conditioning installations; freezers; refrigerators; solar water heaters; drinking water dispensers; lamps; lighting apparatus for vehicles; germicidal lamps for purifying air; curling lamps; electric water heaters; lava rocks for use in barbecue grills; refrigerating appliances and installations; air conditioning installations; air conditioning apparatus; electric hair driers; soap bubble and foam generators for shows; ornamental fountains; water purification installations; radiators, electric; nuclear reactors—Int'l. CL. 11. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.65(a)-(a)(1); TMEP §718.02(a).

**WHO IS PERMITTED TO RESPOND TO THIS PROVISIONAL PARTIAL 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 U.S. commonwealths or U.S. territories. *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>.

## ASSISTANCE

If applicant has questions regarding this Office action, please telephone or e-mail the assigned trademark examining attorney. All relevant e-mail communications will be placed in the official application record; however, an e-mail communication will not be accepted as a response to this Office action and will not extend the deadline for filing a proper response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05. Further, although the trademark examining attorney may provide additional explanation pertaining to the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action, the trademark examining attorney may not provide legal advice or statements about applicant's rights. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

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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](mailto: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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