TM Class

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction

- Presentation: What is TM Class – Desma Charles, ROCIP

- Demonstration: TM Class – Martin Beckman, EUIPO
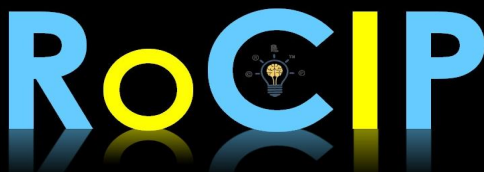
- Questions and Answers

- Wrap up

The Law – Registration of Trade Marks

Trade Marks Act and Regulations, Cap. 13.01

Trade Mark Application

Important Elements

- Must state who the **applicant/owner** is
- Must contain a **representation of the trade mark**
- Must contain a **specification of the goods** and/or services associated with the trade mark for which protection is sought – must conform to the Nice Classification (established by the Nice Agreement (1957))
  - Goods/services must be accurately classed
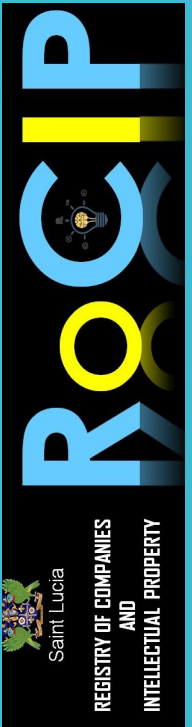 - Registrar to decide on disputed classification of goods etc.

What is TM Class ?

- A classification database administered by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) that incorporates the classification databases of Participating IP Offices around the world – *carIPI project (Eastern Caribbean)*

- An Online Tool which helps users to search for and classify Goods and Services to apply for trade mark protection.

- Translate a list of Goods and Services and verify if those terms appear in the classification databases of the Participating Offices highlighted on the EUIPO's website.

ROCIP as a Participating Office

- **Saint Lucia Intellectual Property Office, the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property became a Participating Office on 25th October 2021**

What does this mean?

- ROCIP database with acceptable terms of goods and services is mow included in TM Class on the EUIPO website

- You can now use TM Class to correctly search, verify, translate and classify goods before / when filing a trade mark application

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Benefits and Key features of TMClass

TM Class ensures certainty as to which goods and services will be accepted by ROCIP

Phylogenetic/Taxonomy tree which groups goods or services based on concept, relationship and market which allows user to choose the right term for his/her business area

TM Class is based on the Nice Classification

TM Class is free

Available 24/7/365

Will assist ROCIP in examination process and minimizing delay in trade mark registration

Benefits and Key features of TMClass

Using TMClass will not preclude you from using terms that are not included in the ROCIP database.

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