



TRADE MARK TASK FORCE MEETING AND TRAINING ON CLASSIFICATION

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1. INTRODUCTION



SUB-PSC & IP WORKSHOP, JANUARY,
BARBADOS



EUIPO EXPERT AT THE BIP SURINAME,
MARCH 9-11



PVR REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK SET-UP
ASSISTANCE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, MARCH



HAGUE SYSTEM WORKSHOP, SUB-
REGIONAL, JAMAICA, MARCH 2-3

OBJECTIVES OF THIS EVENT

- To share practice and recent trends on classification of goods and services for TM registration
- To progress on Act.6 of AWP1: Classification of goods and services database
- ... and to test the format of this event for future activities ...

AGENDA

- 10 min** **Introduction and objectives**
CarIPI Project Team

- 50 min** **TM Classification Training: recent trends, good practice**
Mr. Thom Clark, Senior Expert Legal Affairs, EUIPO

- 10 min** **Questions and Answers**

- 15 min** **CarIPI A 6: Develop a classification of goods and services database**
Alexandra Mayr, CarIPI Project Leader

- 05 min** **Wrap-up and next steps**

4. CLASSIFICATION DATABASE (A06)

ACTIVITY 6, AWP1

- **EXPECTED RESULT** - publicly available database of accepted (validated) terms of goods and services for the purposes of TM registrations in the different CARIFORUM States.

Languages: EN, ES, FR, NL



Based on the terms most widely used in the world, the database can include specific terms common to all CARIFORUM states, and/or country specific terms

EXPECTED BENEFITS

- ✓ Improved **quality** of the applications received by IPOs from TM applicants
- ✓ **Less errors** by the applicants in the identification of goods and services
- ✓ Enhanced **consistency** of examination tasks
- ✓ **Reduced workload** of the trademark offices in examining the goods & services the mark is applied for – freed capacities for other activities
- ✓ Facilitated **registration of the same trade marks in other territories** – in the region and worldwide - using the same pre-validated terms

3 WORK STREAMS IN PARALLEL

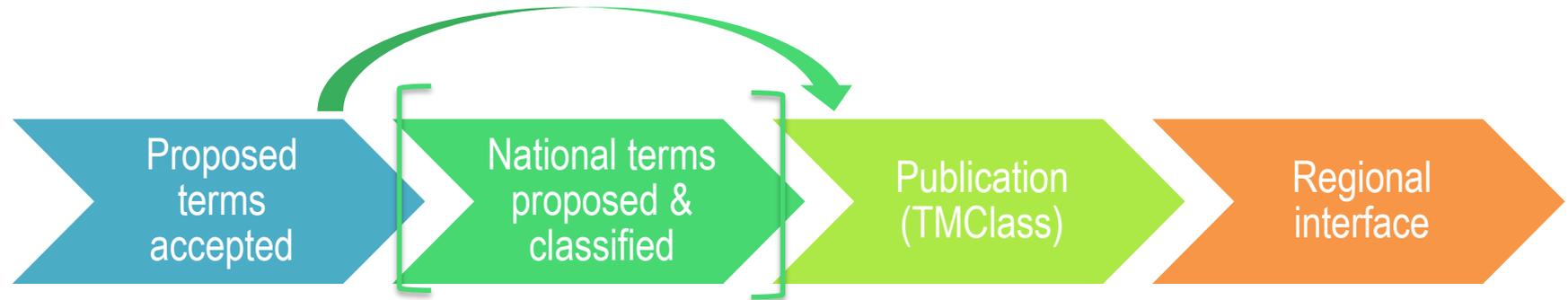
1. Identification and documentation of the terms/nomenclature of G&S accepted by each of the CARIFORUM States' IP Offices
2. Make the terms of G&S accepted by each of the CARIFORUM States' IP Offices available publicly on-line for the benefit of potential trade mark applicants and TM examiners (TMClass and regional CF interface)
3. Explore options for a harmonized list of region-specific terms accepted by most or all CARIFORUM IPOs (then update national lists)

WS 1 – IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION

1. Identification and documentation of the terms/nomenclature of G&S accepted by each of the CARIFORUM States' IP Offices
 - CarIPI proposed a list of terms (Nice Alpha + MGS = HDB) – March 27th
 - IPOs were kindly asked to:
 - review the list of terms
 - indicate additional specific terms used in the country, to be included in the list - if required

WS 2 – PUBLICATION OF TERMS

2. Make the terms of G&S accepted by each of the CARIFORUM States' IP Offices **available publicly on-line** for the benefit of potential trade mark applicants and TM examiners (TMClass → then regional CF interface)



3. Explore possibilities for a **harmonized list of region-specific terms** accepted by most or all CARIFORUM IPOs
 - CarlPI will share the country-specific terms received with a view to see if CS can converge towards a regional list (containing specific terms acceptable by all or most CF IPOs)
 - Discussions to take place at Task Force level
 - Progress presented to the sub-PSC members in October 2020
 - Adoption of output by the sub-PSC

NEXT STEPS

By **2nd June** CARIFORUM IPOs

- Send us your feedback on the acceptance of the proposed list of terms (see e-mail of 27/03)
 - Where not all terms are acceptable, send us back the excel indicating clearly which terms are not
 - Where additional national terms are proposed for inclusion, send it to us, if possible indicating relevant nice class (EUIPO support)

Questions?



CARIFORUM Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation

Innovation and creativity are the core drivers of sustainable economic development, and intellectual property rights are the key tools to generate value from intangible assets.

A strong enabling environment for IP creation, protection, administration and enforcement will boost the participation of CARIFORUM countries in the world economy, and stimulate innovation and competitiveness of the private sector.

Bringing together stakeholders from the CARIFORUM countries, from the European Union, and relevant international organisations, our main goal is to:

- create stronger IP offices offering high quality, state of the art services to users
- ensure availability of effective IPR enforcement mechanisms
- contribute to the development of a sustainable and innovative private sector
- make doing business between the EU and CARIFORUM, and particularly within the CARIFORUM region easier.

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