



OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION
IN THE INTERNAL MARKET
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)

The President

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CS/ICLAD/LB/JS/JN/JIP/mn

Circular letter to IP Offices of EU Member States

Re: Change of Name of the Office

Dear Colleague

We write to inform you that, on March 23, 2016, the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) will officially change its name to the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), as set out in the [amending EU trade mark Regulation](#) (Regulation (EU) 2015/2424 of the European Parliament and the Council).

In addition, as and from that date, one of the two unitary intellectual property rights we administer, the Community Trade Mark (CTM), will also officially change its name to the European Union trade mark (EUTM).

The Office will continue to be based in Alicante, Spain, its home since 1994, and its address, contact telephone numbers and systems for dealing with users, stakeholders, vendors, suppliers and the general public will not change.

For electronic communications, please note that our email addresses will change to name.surname@euipo.europa.eu as and from March 23, although the current name.surname@oami.europa.eu email addresses will run in parallel to the new addresses for several months.

Our website, e-business applications, fee calculators and online tools will be updated to reflect our new name as and from March 23. Our current web address, www.oami.europa.eu will automatically redirect to our new domain name, www.euipo.europa.eu on and after March 23.

We are asking our users to be especially vigilant if they receive unsolicited mail requesting payment for trade mark and design services. The Office never sends users invoices or letters requesting direct payment for these types of services. However, some of our users report receiving invoices that contain logos and/or names which are very similar to the Office's current logo and/or name, and, in some cases, which are similar to the new name of the Office. More information is available through our [Misleading Invoices](#) web page.

For more information, we invite you to consult our [web section](#) dedicated to the amending Regulation and the changes it will bring.

Yours sincerely

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