

# Registration of UK Trade Marks Ordinance

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#### REGISTRATION OF UNITED KINGDOM TRADE MARKS

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#### **An Ordinance to provide for the registration of trade marks registered in the United Kingdom**

3 of 1939  
(Cap. 66 of 1952)  
10 of 1967  
8 of 1971  
13 of 1972  
(Cap. 63 of 1973)

#### **Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Ordinance.

## **Interpretation**

2. In this Ordinance-

"the Register" means the Register of Trade Marks kept under this Ordinance;

"the Registrar" means the Secretary to the Ministry of Trade and Communications; and

"the United Kingdom" includes the Isle of Man.

## **Application to register trade mark registered in United Kingdom**

### **1938 c.22**

3. Any person being the registered proprietor of a trade mark in the United Kingdom by virtue of an entry in the register of trade marks kept under the Trade Marks Act 1938, or any Act amending or substituted for that Act, or any person deriving title from such registered proprietor by assignment or other mode of transfer, may apply at any time during the existence of the registration in the United Kingdom to have such trade mark registered in the Gilbert Islands in respect of some or all of the goods comprised in the United Kingdom registration.

## **Documents required on application for registration**

4. An application for registration of a trade mark under this Ordinance shall be made to the Registrar and accompanied by a certified representation of the trade mark and a certificate of the Comptroller-General of the United Kingdom Patent Office (under his title of Registrar of Trade Marks) giving full particulars of the registration of the trade mark in the United Kingdom.

## **Issue of certificate of registration**

5. Upon such application being lodged, together with the documents mentioned in section 4, the Registrar shall enter the prescribed particulars in the Register, and shall issue a certificate of registration to the applicant, who shall then be the registered proprietor in the Gilbert Islands of the trade mark in respect of the goods entered in the Register.

## **Effect of Certificate**

6. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance a registered proprietor shall have in the Gilbert Islands such privileges and rights in the use of the trade mark in respect of the goods entered in the Register as mutatis mutandis would be conferred on him by law for the time being in force in the United Kingdom.

### **Period for which effective**

7. The privileges and rights conferred by section 6 shall date from the date of registration in the United Kingdom and shall continue in force, subject to section 15, for so long as the registration in the United Kingdom remains in force in respect of the goods for which the trade mark is registered in the Gilbert Islands:

Provided that no action for infringement of the trade mark shall be entertained in respect of any use of the trade mark prior to the date of the issue of the certificate of registration in the Gilbert Islands.

### **Saving of "Passing off" action**

8. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect any right of action against any person for passing off goods as those of another person or any remedy in respect thereof.

### **Jurisdiction of the High Court**

9. The High Court shall have power, upon the application of any person who alleges that his interests have been prejudicially affected by the issue of a certificate of registration, to declare on any of the grounds mutatis mutandis on which the United Kingdom registration might be cancelled under the law for the time being in force in the United Kingdom, that the exclusive privileges and rights have not been acquired.

### **Entry in register of assignments**

10. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, where a person becomes entitled by assignment or other mode of transfer to the privileges and rights conferred on a registered proprietor by this Ordinance, the Registrar shall, on application being made in prescribed manner and on proof of title to his satisfaction, cause such person to be entered in the Register as subsequent registered proprietor of the trade mark.

### **Registered users**

11. Any person entered in the United Kingdom Register of Registered Trade Marks under section 28 of the Trade Marks Act 1938 as a registered user in respect of any goods of a trade mark in respect of which a certificate of registration under this Ordinance is in force, may apply to be registered in the Gilbert Islands as a registered user of the mark in respect of some or all such goods, subject to any conditions or restrictions entered in the United Kingdom register.

### **Rights of registered users**

12. Upon such application being lodged, together with a registered certificate of the United Kingdom Registrar of Trade Marks giving full particulars of the entry in the United Kingdom register under the said section 28, the Registrar shall cause the applicant to be entered in the Register of the Gilbert Islands as a registered user of the trade mark, and on such entry the registered user shall be entitled in the Gilbert Islands, subject to the aforesaid conditions and restrictions, to such privileges and rights in respect of the goods for which he is entered as mutatis mutandis would be conferred on him by law for the time being in force in the United Kingdom.

### **Power to make regulations and prescribe fees**

13. The Minister may make such regulations and do such things as he may think expedient, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, for regulating procedure under this Ordinance and prescribing the fees to be paid in respect of proceedings under this Ordinance, other than procedure in relation to applications to the Court and fees payable in respect thereof; and generally for prescribing anything which by this Ordinance is to be prescribed.

### **A Register of Trade Marks to be kept and to be open to inspection**

14. The Registrar shall keep in his office a book, to be called the Register of Trade Marks, in which he shall register the particulars of any documents filed showing the number, nature and date thereof and the name of the registered proprietor or parties thereto; and such Registered and all documents relating to entries therein which may have been duly filed, shall be open to the inspection of any person during office hours on payment of the prescribed fee.

### **Entry in Register of renewals of United Kingdom registration**

15. If the registration in the United Kingdom of a trade mark under this Ordinance is renewed, the registered proprietor may, within such time after the date of renewal in the United Kingdom as may be prescribed, notify the Registrar, who shall then, on sufficient evidence thereof and on payment of the prescribed fee, renew the registration in the Register in the prescribed manner; and if the registration in the Register is not so renewed, it shall be cancelled by the Registrar.

### **Alteration of Register**

16. The Registrar may, on request in writing made by the registered proprietor and on payment of the prescribed fee-

(1) cancel the registration of a trade mark or of a registered user thereunder either wholly or as regards any particular goods in respect of which the trade mark or registered user is registered;

(2) correct any clerical error in, or in connection with, any application under this Ordinance or in any matter which is entered in the Register;

(3) enter in the Register any change in the name, description or address of the person who is registered as proprietor or user of a trade mark.

**Entry in Register or certified copy to be admissible in evidence**

17. Any entry in the Register or any certified copy thereof or of any document duly filed signed by the Registrar shall be admitted in evidence in all courts of the Gilbert Islands and in all proceedings without further proof.