

PROCESS TO OBTAIN A UK TRADE MARK FOR OVERSEAS ATTORNEYS

INSTRUCTING ATTORNEY

Contact PW&F trade mark team with details of

1. Mark
2. Goods
3. Owner
4. Priority claims

Instruct PW&F to proceed with registration

Discuss with PW&F and instruct to proceed



Discussion/advice as to details of the application (eg goods)

Search (on request) in UK and EU trade mark registers

Prepare and file trade mark application with UK Intellectual Property Office (IPO)

Make recommendations to address issues raised by IPO

File response at UK IPO

UK INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

Carry out examination and send report to PW&F after 2 weeks approx.

Confirmation of acceptance

Publication of application for any objections from third parties (usually 2 months)

IN THE EVENT OF NO OPPOSITION

Confirmation of no objections

Registered trade mark certificate sent

Consider requesting a watching service for similar marks

Renewal reminders sent after 10 years

IN THE EVENT OF ANY THIRD PARTY OPPOSITION

Details of opposition

Advise brand owner on options for:

- defending this trade mark application; or
- settlement

Decide whether to proceed with opposition or withdrawal

Defence of application