

## **Chapter 3: Addendum - Publication and registration**

### **1. Introduction**

The Journal Team is responsible for:

- publishing newly accepted trade marks and appropriate amendments to the register in the Trade Marks Journal; and
- issuing registration certificates for newly registered marks.

### **2. Publication**

**References: Act: Sections 38-39**

**Rules: 16 & 25**

We publish the Trade Marks Journal on our website every Friday, including Bank Holidays.

Each journal contains details of:

- UK trade marks which have been accepted by our examiners about two weeks previously. The delay is due to the Journal preparation and publishing cycle, which allows for the compilation, editing and correction of mark images and associated text.
- International registrations which have been filed in the UK under the Madrid Protocol.
- Other changes in published applications, registrations, and renewals; changes to the register and registrable transactions. This section is called the 'backpart.'

The publication of marks allows anyone to oppose their acceptance and registration within two months of the publication date. This period may be extended to three months for any party which files an electronic form TM7a "Notice of Threatened Opposition" within the initial two months. If an application is amended after publication, there is a further one month period allowed for anyone who is affected by the amendment to oppose.

### **3. Registration**

**References: Act: Section 40**

**Rule: 16**

Marks which are not opposed are automatically registered ten weeks after publication. The status of the mark changes from 'Advertised' to 'Registered' at midnight each Friday. On each Monday, we print and issue Registration Certificates for marks registered the previous week.

The Registration Certificate shows the mark, its registration number, registration date, the goods and services for which it is registered, and the proprietor's name.