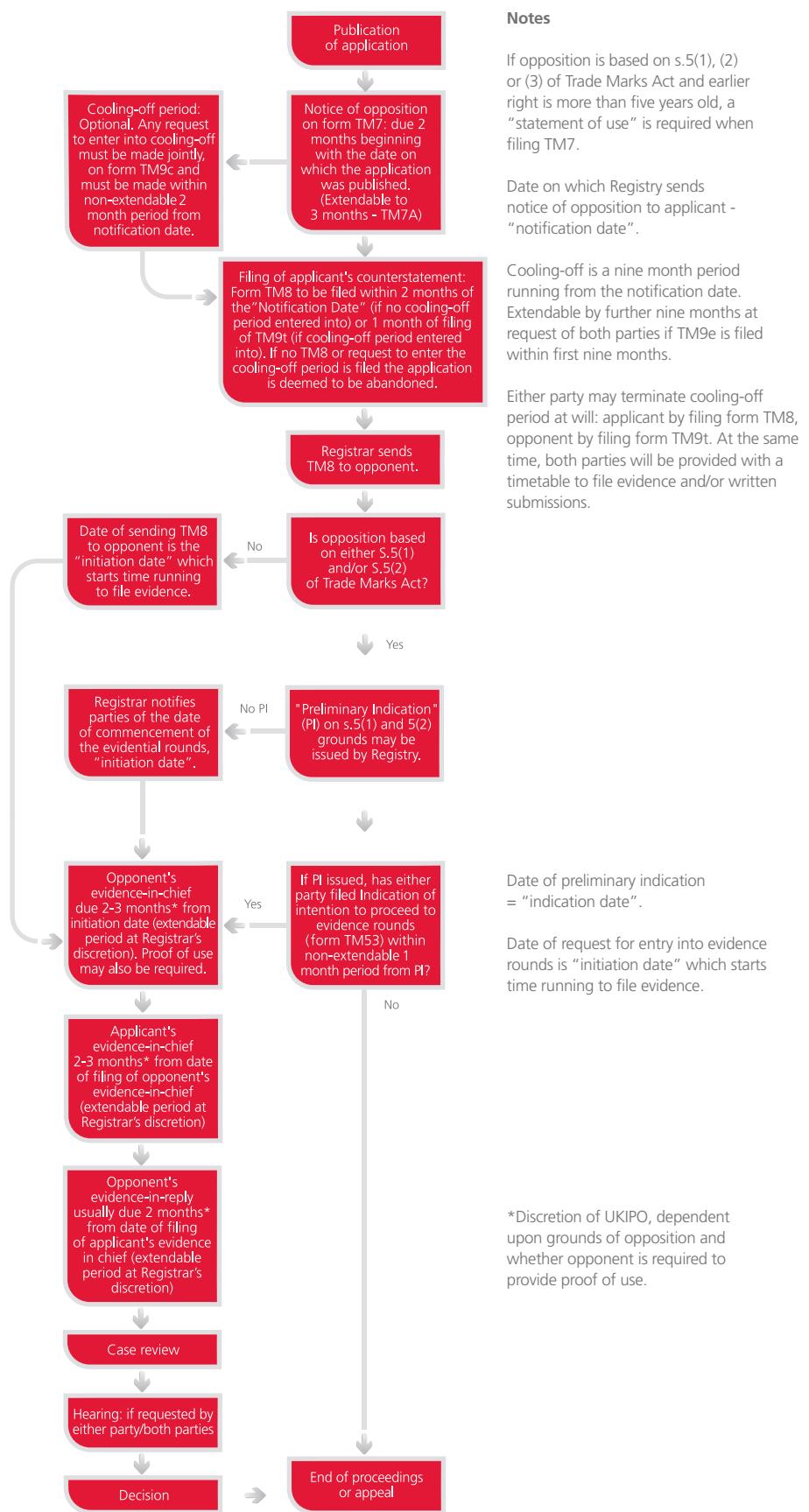
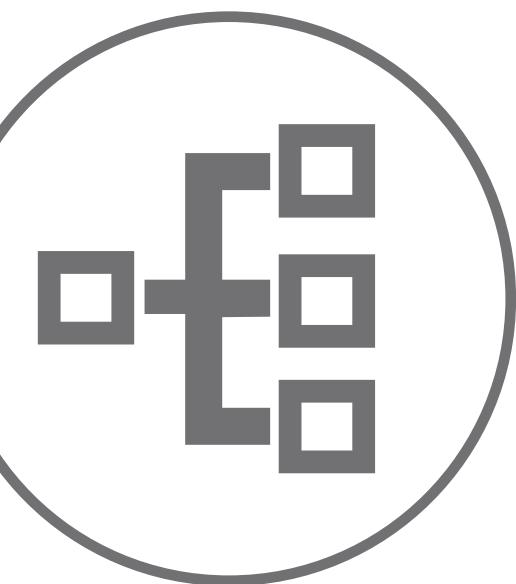


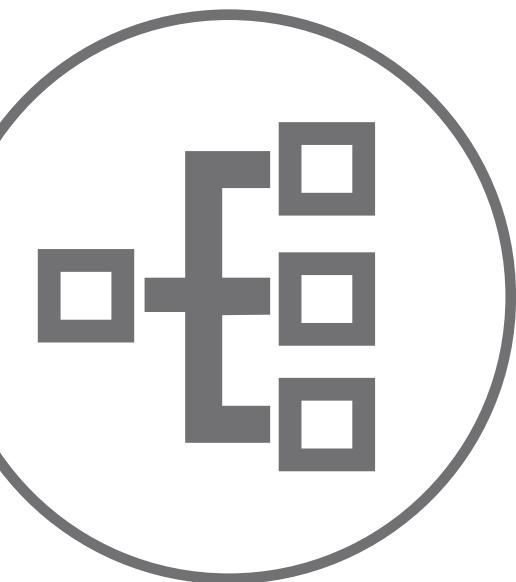


UK trade mark application opposition procedure



UK trade mark revocation (other than non-use) and invalidation actions

(Usual time frames*)



Application to Registrar for revocation (TM26(O)) / invalidity (TM26(l))

Application for revocation/invalidity examined by UKIPO

Application accepted

Application for revocation/invalidity sent to registered proprietor

2 months (non-extendable)

Proprietor's notice of defence and counter statement (TM8)

Usually 2 months* (extendable in exceptional cases only, TM9)

Applicant to file evidence and submissions

Usually 2 months* (extendable in exceptional cases only, TM9)

Proprietor's supporting evidence and submissions in reply

Proprietor has 1 month to notify Registrar of intention to file evidence in reply.
If so, normally given a further 1 month to submit their evidence in reply
(extendable in exceptional cases only, TM9)

Applicant to file evidence of fact in reply

Case review

Hearing

Decision

Notes

The application must include a Statement of Grounds.

If invalidity action based on earlier trade mark which is older than five years, statement of use to be given with TM26(l).

Registrar will then specify periods for the parties to file evidence and submissions. General guidelines are given here but periods set are purely at the Registrar's discretion.

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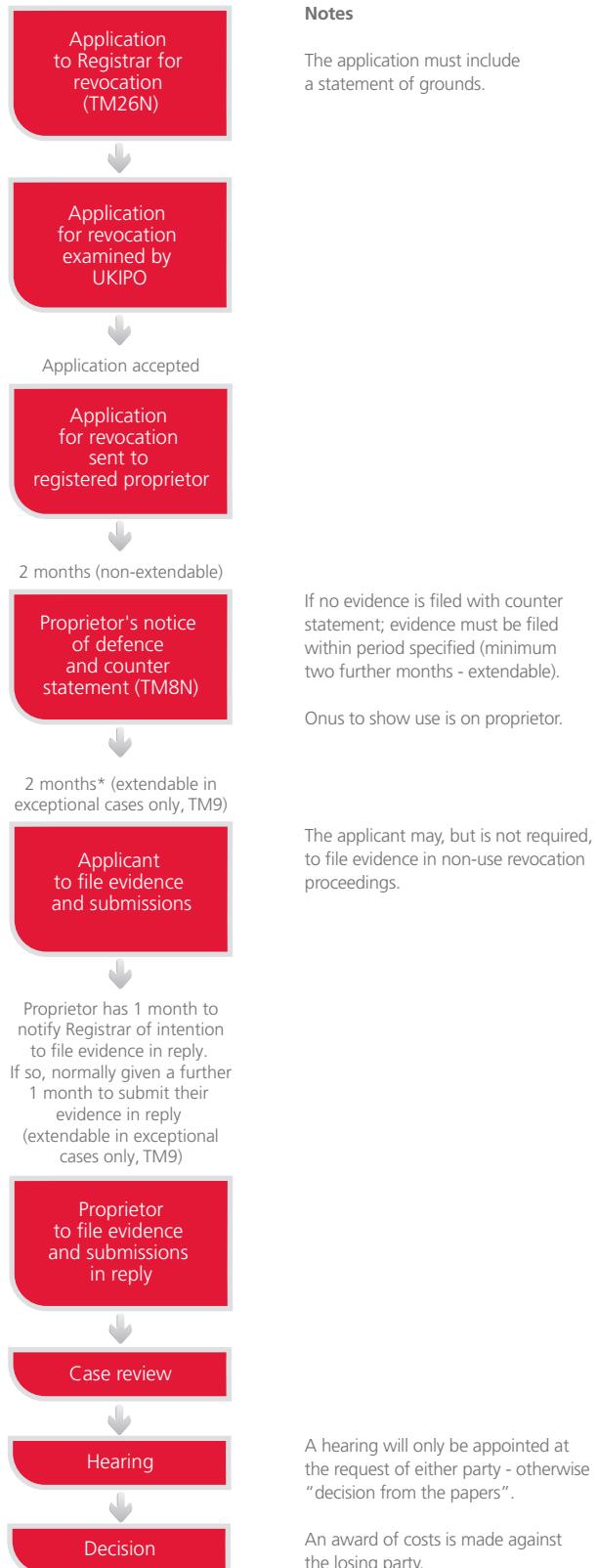
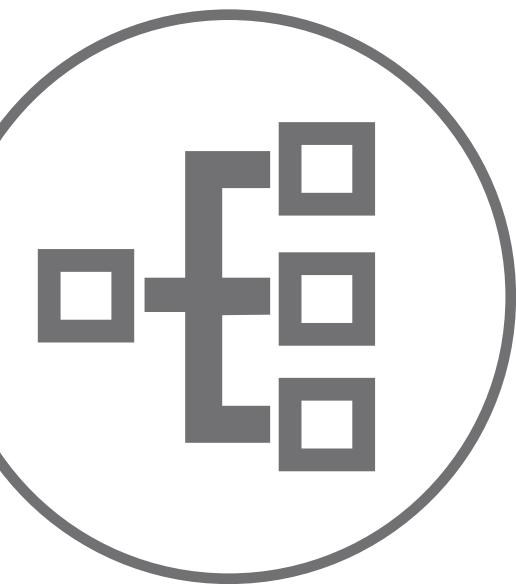
A hearing will only be appointed at the request of either party - otherwise "decision from the papers".

An award of costs is made against the losing party.



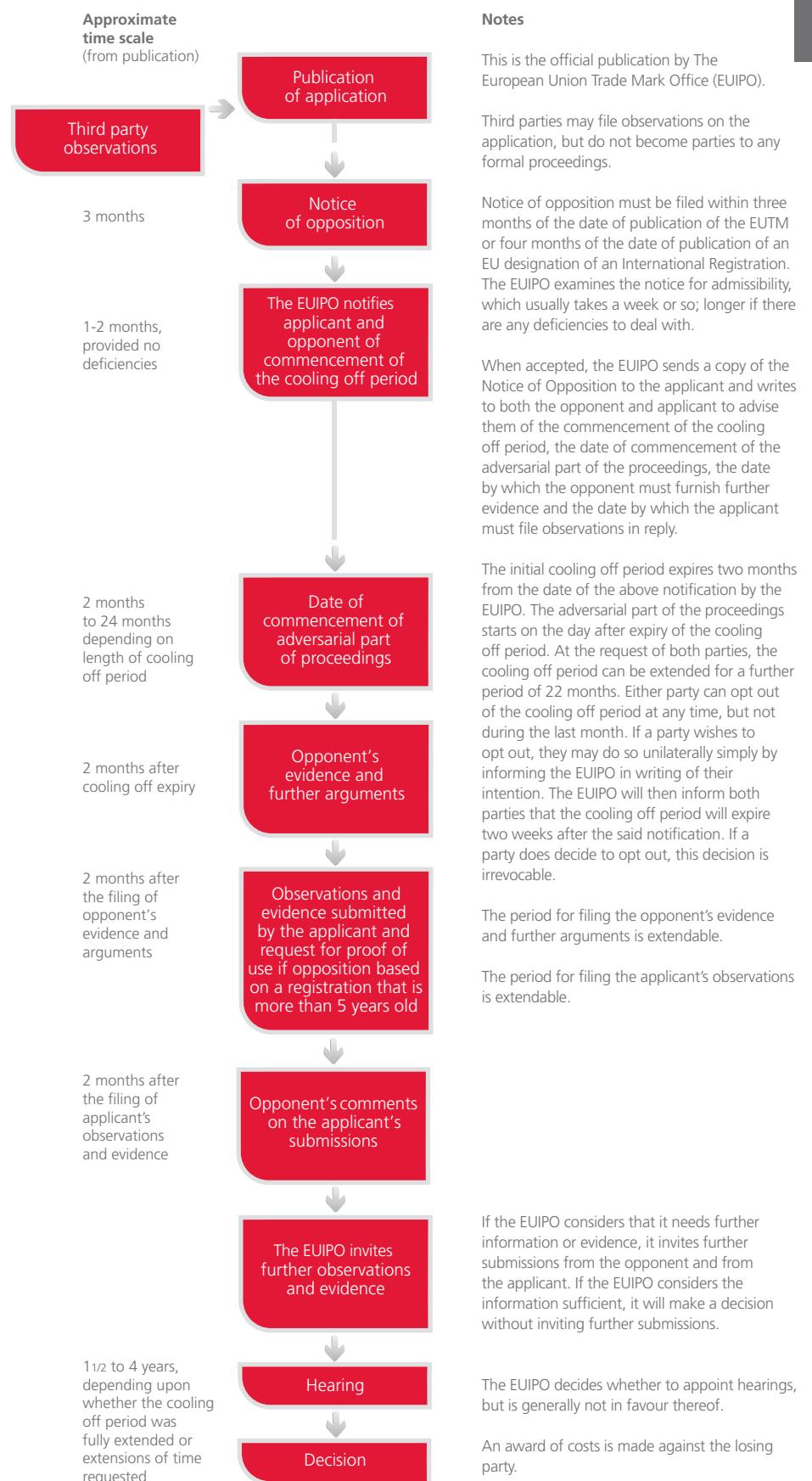
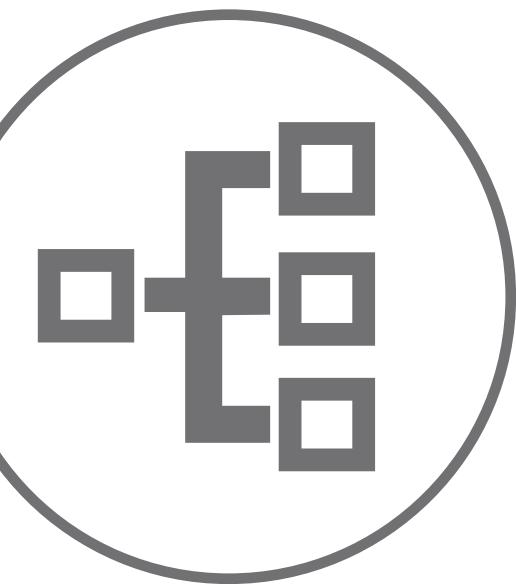
UK trade mark non-use revocation action

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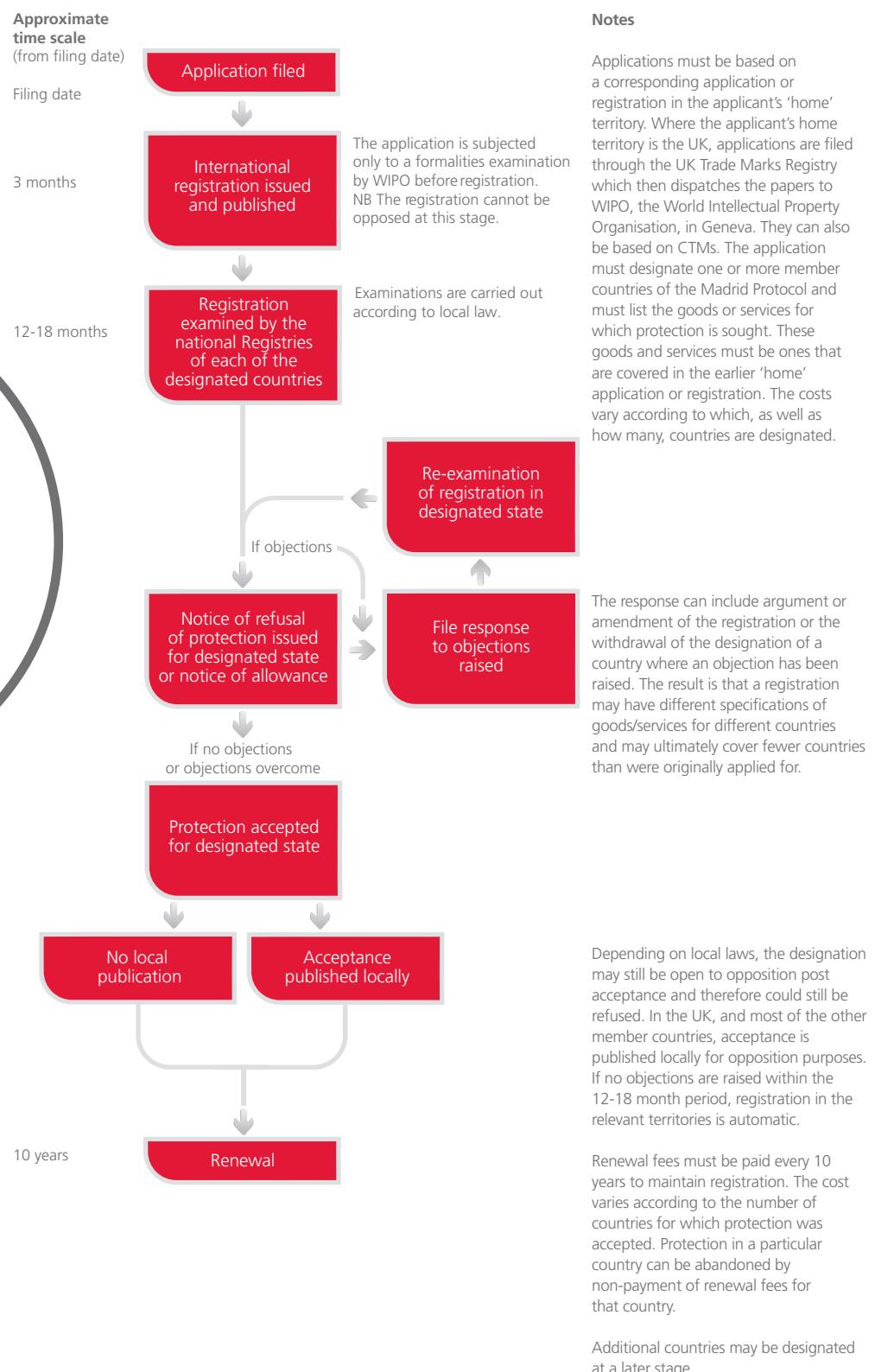
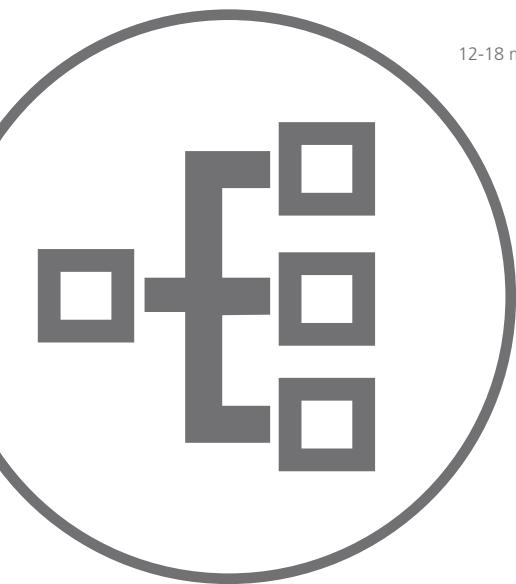
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European Union trade mark (EUTM) application: opposition procedure





Trade mark registration using the Madrid Protocol



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