THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF MAURITIUS 11th Floor, Sterling House Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis

Guidelines to Applicants for the Registration of Marks

- 1. Any individual or organisation who wants to register their unique words or symbols are eligible to file for trademark registration under their own names. The registration of a trademark confers on the registered proprietor the exclusive right to use the registered trademark and prevent any unlawful use.
- 2. Any application to register a mark shall be made on the form available at the Industrial Property Office of Mauritius or may be downloaded from our website (www.foreign.govmu.org).
- 3. Prior to filing an application, applicants are advised to carry out a search accompanied by the **prescribed fee of Rs. 300** to ascertain whether the proposed mark does not conflict with any registered mark or pending application.
- 4. A clear reproduction of the mark shall be affixed in the space provided for under the heading 'Representation of the mark' in the application form and **one reproduction of the mark** to be submitted in soft copy.
- 5. Any figurative element shall be clearly identified and the **correct title** of the mark shall be inserted.
- 6. The goods and services for which the registration of the mark is requested shall be clearly and correctly listed under the Nice Classification for the International Registration of Goods and Services.
- 7. The application has to be accompanied by the **prescribed fees** which are computed as follows: For one class: **Rs 6000**, each additional class: **Rs 2000**. Payment to be made either by **cash**, **credit card**, **debit card or cheque payable to "The Government of Mauritius."**
- 8. Where an applicant's ordinary residence or principal place of business is outside Mauritius, he shall be represented by a legal practitioner residing and practicing in Mauritius or an approved agent. (**Section 136 of the IP Act**).
- 9. Any foreign applicant residing in Mauritius shall provide proof of residence or any such document acceptable to the Office
- 10. An application consisting of a mark in a foreign language or characters shall be accompanied by a transliteration and/or translation.
- 11. Where an application is filed in the name of a company or any legal entity, to submit the certificate of Incorporation/Registration or any other supporting document.

For any additional information, you may contact this office:

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