

Intellectual Property Highlights

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Changes to the Canadian Trade-marks Act



- 1) Trademark definition extended.
- 2) Filing basis no longer required at the time of filing of a trademark application.
- 3) Elimination of the Declaration of Use.



- 4) Distinctiveness – a new ground to assess registrability.
- 5) Introduction of the Nice Classification.

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6) International Registration under the Madrid Protocol will be available in Canada.

7) Term of a registration reduced to 10 years (previously it was 15 years).

8) Divisional applications will be allowed.

9) Confusing trademarks owned by the same entity, no longer associated.

10) Bad-faith – a new ground of opposition or invalidation of a registration.



Changes to the Canadian Patent Act



1. File Wrapper Estoppel.
2. Experimental use.
3. Regulation of Written Demands.
4. Licensing of Standard-Essential Patents.
5. Various prosecution deadlines will be shortened.

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