

**THE OVERALL FUNCTIONING OF THE
TRADE MARK SYSTEM IN EUROPE.
THE HEARING BEFORE THE EU
COMMISSION**

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WHAT WAS ON THE EC COMMISSION HEARING AGENDA? AGENDA ITEM 1

GENUINE USE



AGENDA ITEM 2

DISTRIBUTION OF RENEWAL FEES TO NATIONAL OFFICES



AGENDA ITEM 3

SIMPLIFICATION OF CTM PROCEDURES

A. Removal of the 1 month period to pay the filing fee



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B. Shortening of the CTM Opposition period



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C. Reduction of the
Opposition term in
respect of EM
designations



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D. Deletion of the 2 month period for providing Statement of Grounds of Appeal



"The court denied your appeal, but they wished you luck in your future endeavors."

AGENDA ITEM 4

Current Regime on Searches



AGENDA ITEM 5

Filing of CTM's
through National
Offices



AGENDA ITEM 6

Further legislative
harmonisation beyond
the current scope of
the TMD



AGENDA ITEM 7

Use of Class Headings



AGENDA ITEM 8

Class fees



AGENDA ITEM 9

Certification Marks



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Any questions?

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