

# TRADEMARK: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

















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#### INTRODUCTION

Absorption of Registry of Trade
Marks & Establishment of BruIPO

1 January 2012

1 June 2013

Absorption of Registry
of Industrial Designs
1 October 2012

Absorption of Registry of Trade
Marks & Establishment of BruIPO

Absorption Under
EIDPMO

1 January 2016

- Brunei Intellectual Property Office is a government agency responsible for the registration and renewal of Trademarks, Patents, Industrial Designs and Plant Varieties Protection (PVP); and the administration and development of the national IP system.
- 1 January 2016 Absorbed under the Energy and Industry Department under the Prime Minister's Office (EIDPMO) and is currently a department under Ministry of Energy, Manpower and Industry (MEMI).
- Core role To implement a comprehensive and effective intellectual property system adherent to international standards that would contribute to Brunei Darussalam's economic growth.



# **OBJECTIVES**







To raise
awareness on
the benefits and
protection of IPR
and to use them
to enhance
business growth
and
competitiveness

To promote and develop an 'IP Culture' where creativity and innovation can flourish

To establish partnership with the relevant stakeholders in support of the national innovation ecosystem

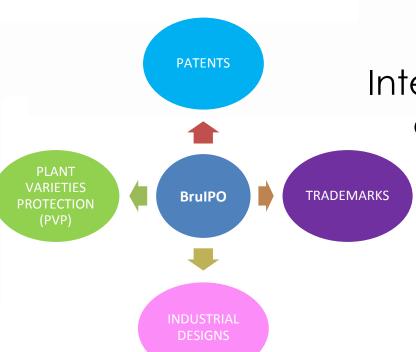


# WHAT IS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY?









Intellectual property (IP) refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions; literary and artistic works; designs; and symbols, names and images used in commerce.



# **GUESS THE LOGO!**













### WHAT IS A TRADEMARK?

A sign capable of distinguishing the goods or services produced or provided by one enterprise from those of other enterprises.



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# WHAT IS IT FOR?



- Main function to enable consumers to identify a product (whether goods or services)
- Allow for repeat purchases and adds value to the goods and services
- Carefully selected and nurtured TM a valuable business asset for companies
- Ownership of TM with good image and reputation provides companies with competitive edge



#### WHY SHOULD YOU PROTECT YOUR TRADEMARK?

- Registration gives your company the exclusive right to prevent others from marketing identical or similar products under the same or a confusingly similar mark
- A registered TM may be licensed to other companies or may be a basis for a franchising agreement





## TRADEMARK SYSTEM IN BRUNEI

- ☐ Law: Trade Marks Act (Cap 98)
- ☐ Types of marks accepted:
  - ✓ Sound
  - ✓ Scent
  - √ 3 Dimensional
- ☐ First to File
- ☐ 45 different classes
- □ Protection of 10 years from date of filing
- ☐ Protection is only limited to Brunei Darussalam (territorial)



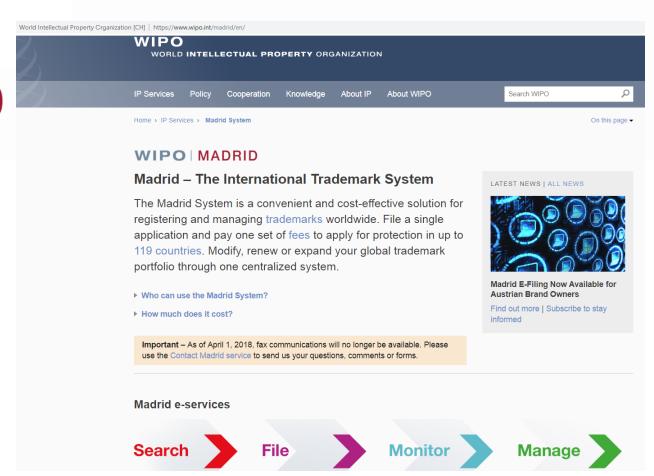


# INTERNATIONAL FILING

# WIPO | MADRID

The Madrid System is a one stop solution for registering and managing marks in 119 countries by filing one application, in one language and paying one set of fees. [6 January 2017]

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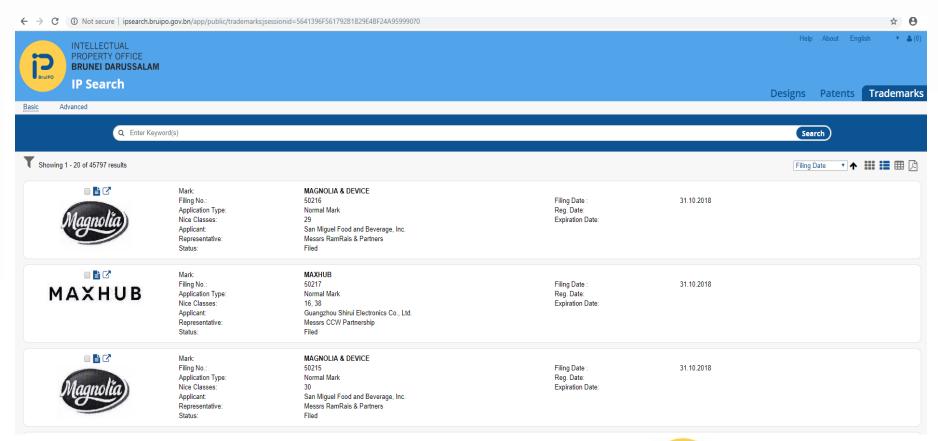
# HOW TO APPLYS

Step	Procedure
1	Submit Trademark Application:  Cover letter;  Form TM1;  Prescribed fee of B\$150 per class; and  A4-sized representation of the proposed mark.
2	A notice will be sent to the applicant with particulars of the trade mark and filing date.
3	Application is examined for any deficiencies (formalities examination) and in accordance with the set requirements under the law (substantive examination).
4	Once Step 3 is completed, BruIPO will issue Form TM27 to the applicant and request for a publication fee of B\$125.
5	The application will be published in the BruIPO Trade Marks Journal for 3 months (Opposition Period) at www.bruipo.gov.bn
6	After 3 months and if no opposition, BruIPO will issue the Certificate of Registration to the applicant.
*7	If there is opposition, applicant will be notified and opposition proceedings will start.



## IP SEARCH

To conduct search at: <a href="www.ipsearch.bruipo.gov.bn">www.ipsearch.bruipo.gov.bn</a>





# 'ABSOLUTE GROUNDS' FOR REJECTION

- Generic terms: if your company intends to register the trademark CHAIR to sell chairs – mark would be rejected as "chair" is generic term for the product
- Descriptive terms: words that describe the product in question:
  - SWEET for chocolates are deemed descriptive
  - Qualitative or laudatory terms "RAPID" "BEST" "CLASSIC" or 'INNOVATIVE"
- **Deceptive** marks: likely to deceive or mislead consumers as to the nature, quality of geographical origin of the product. For example:
  - marketing margarine under a trademark featuring a COW would probably be rejected, as it would be considered misleading for consumers, who are likely to associate the mark with dairy products (i.e. butter).



# BATTLE OF THE BRANDS







### CHECKLIST FOR SELECTING YOUR TM

- ✓ Check that your trademark of choice meets all the legal requirements
- ✓ Do a trademark search to make sure that it is not identical or confusingly similar to existing trademarks
- ✓ Make sure the trademark is easy to read, write, spell and remember
- ✓ Ensure the mark does not have any undesired connotations locally or in potential export markets
- ✓ Check that the corresponding domain name (i.e. internet address) is available for registration



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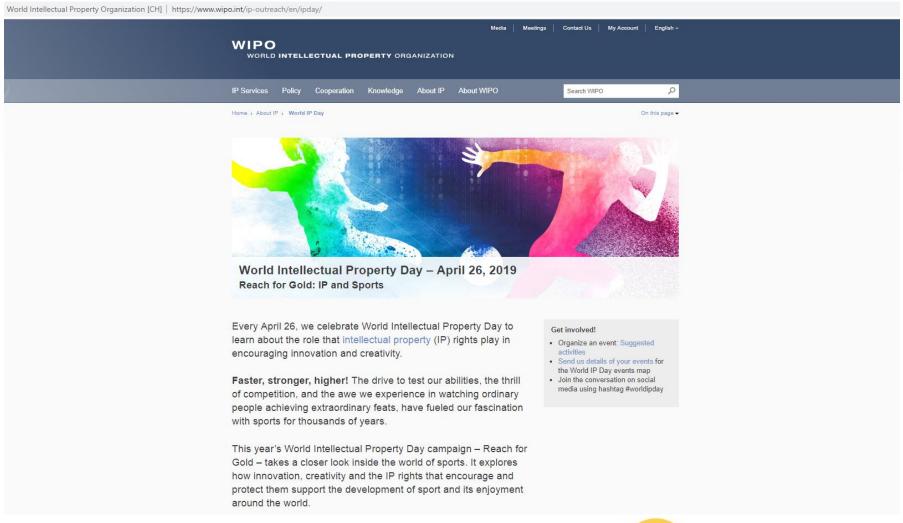
## IP CONSULT

- Help Desk at DARe's Business Support Centre (BSC), Level 1, D&T Building;
- Provides general advice on IP and guidance on registration process;
- Assistance in conducting online database searches.





### **WORLD IP DAY**







# Thank you!

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