



Hong Kong Intellectual Property Agent

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR TRADEMARK APPLICATION IN USA

Filing Language	English
Official Search	Not available
Power of Attorney	Power of Attorney is required
Applicable	Ordinary Trade Marks, Collective Marks and Certification Marks
Specification of goods/services	Nice Classification 9 th Edition, specification not required to be standardized
Examination	Formality and Substantive Examination
Time from Filing to Registration	18 months for straight forward cases
Publication	After passing the Formal Examination, the trade mark application is published in the Official Gazette for public inspection for a period of 30 days
Opposition Term	30 days from publication
Registration Duration	10 years from Registration Date
Renewal	Every 10 years
Renewal Term	Trade Mark can be renewed within 12 months before its expiry date. Extra renewal fees are required if the registration is renewed after the expiry date.
Use Requirements	Affidavit of Continued Use must be filed between the 5 th and 6 th year after registration. Trade Mark can be renewed within 1 year before its expiry date.
Assignment	Deed of assignment is required
Licensing	Licensing document is required
Marking Requirement	Use of ® is optional

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