

Comparative study of practices concerning product indications

Lead EUIPO



Project definition

Aim of project: Better understanding of the respective differences among practices of the ID5 Offices.

Phase 1: Preliminary study of legal provisions and practices regarding product indications.

- Acceptability criteria applied to product indications
- Grounds for objection
- Amendment of deficient indications
- Effects of product indication to the scope of protection
- Role of product indication in the invalidation of designs

Phase 2: Upon completion of the comparative study the Partners will assess the results of it and proceed to recommendations on an appropriate model for the development of a uniform product indication database.

In scope

Mutual understanding of similarities and differences in practices.

Out of scope

Modification of the existing classification systems.

Creation of a taxonomy to complement the existing classification.

Timeline

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30 September 2016	The Lead Office submits a new draft on a comparative study of practices. Partners are invited to submit the necessary information for the study. Deliverable: New draft by Lead Office
01 February 2017	The Partners submit the information required for the study. Deliverable: Contributions by Partners
31 March 2017	All information is compiled and distributed to the Partners by the Lead Office. Deliverable: compiled information by Lead Office
15 July 2017	Partners submit observations. Deliverable: Partners' observations upon comparison of practices
30 September 2017	The Lead Office prepares final conclusions and distributes them to the Partners. Deliverable: Final conclusions of the study
Annual Meeting 2017	Approval of final conclusions by the Partners.