

IP Master Trademarks



Country and Rules Update

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All due dates and actions in IP Master will be calculated based upon country rules. Therefore please install the quarterly update of the country rules. Please note that the IP Rules below have been adopted and applied exclusively for Thomson IP Manager and IP Master.

Contents:

- New action codes
- Description of the changes in the national patent laws
- Description of the Auto Update



The Auto Update has to be run after installation of the rules to ensure proper application of the new laws.

Code File Changes

New Case Type code T - Merged Trademark

New Action code RVT - Revalidate Tangiers registration in Morocco

Description of the IP Rules Country Changes

ARMENIA

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.

AZERBAIJAN

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.



BELARUS

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.

HONG KONG

Divisional trademark applications can now be filed, with the renewal period being the same as for regular trademarks. Divisional trademarks are designated by Case Type 'V'.

A new Case Type designator 'T' is being added with this rules update. Case Type 'T' designates the merger of multi-class registrations into one single registration and renewal period. The related ID tab can be used to designate the other registrations involved in the merger.

EUROPEAN UNION

For customers who subscribe to the European version of the trademark rules, the priority period calculation has been added for all member countries of the European Union.

KOSOVO

The due date for re-registration of Serbian trademarks in Kosovo has been updated to September 1, 2008. The deadline may be extended; however, no official notification of extension has been issued. Therefore, IP Rules will calculate the earlier date.

MADAGASCAR

Madagascar is the 75th member state to join the Madrid Protocol and can be designated in an International Madrid Protocol registration as of April 28, 2008. Madrid Protocol filings are designated by Filing Type 'P'.

MARSHALL ISLANDS

IP Rules have been added for trademark protection in the Marshall Islands. United States registrations are automatically extended to the Marshall Islands. The renewal date for the corresponding United States trademark should be manually entered in the 'Based on Mark Renewal Date' field to complete the rules validation process.

MICRONESIA

Cautionary notice publication is valid in Micronesia. The recommended republication period is every three years. If your agent has advised a different republication period, you may manually enter the 'OVR' (Override) action code to update and maintain the due date for this action.

MOROCCO

The Tangiers Trademark Registry has closed. All trademark renewals for the former Tangiers are now being processed in Morocco. A reminder date to apply for protection in Morocco is being added to all registered trademarks in Tangiers. The action code 'RVT' is being added.



NAURU

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PALAU

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REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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TAIWAN

The six-month late-renewal period is valid for all trademarks currently in force in Taiwan.

TADJIKISTAN

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TANGIERS

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TURKISH CYPRUS

The official name for the former Turkish Cyprus is 'Northern Republic of Turkish Cyprus.' The country name can be manually updated in the country file and will be refreshed for all applicable records upon logging back into the database.

TURKMENISTAN

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UNITED STATES – CALIFORNIA

Trademarks are valid for a term of five years as of January 1, 2008.



No guarantee

Auto-Update

The new rules will only calculate your dues and actions after running the Auto Update.

Start the Auto Update by clicking Utilities, Auto Update.

The option insert will only fill in new dates in previously empty fields, while Change will recalculate every applicable field.

A screenshot of a software dialog box titled 'System'. It contains three sections: 'System' with radio buttons for 'Patent' and 'Trademark' (selected); 'Run Mode' with radio buttons for 'Verify', 'Insert', and 'Change' (selected); and 'Run Auto Update' with two buttons labeled 'All' and 'Exit'.

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