

Madrid Protocol Countries

The Madrid Protocol offers a useful option for registering and managing trade marks worldwide through the World Intellectual Property Organisation. Applicants can file a single application for registration of a trade mark designating up to 130 countries. Depending on the inherent registrability of the trade mark and the number of countries and classes to be covered, taking the Madrid Protocol option may be more convenient and cost-effective than applying to register a trade mark on a country by country basis. The following table shows the countries that are currently signatories to the Madrid Protocol - notable exceptions include South Africa and Hong Kong.

Member countries of the Madrid Protocol			
Afghanistan	Cyprus ◊	Kyrgyzstan	Samoa
Africa - OAPI ‡	Czech Republic ◊	Laos	San Marino
Albania	Denmark ◊	Latvia	Sao Tome & Principe
Algeria	Egypt	Lesotho	Serbia
Antigua and Barbuda	Estonia ◊	Liberia	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Eswatini	Liechtenstein	Singapore
Australia	European Union ◊	Lithuania ◊	Sint Maarten
Austria ◊	Finland ◊	Madagascar	Slovakia ◊
Azerbaijan	France ◊	Malawi	Slovenia ◊
Bahrain	Gambia	Malaysia	Spain ◊
Belarus	Georgia	Mauritius	Sudan
Belize	Germany ◊	Mexico	Sweden ◊
Benelux **	Ghana	Moldova	Switzerland
Bhutan	Greece ◊	Monaco	Syria
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius & Saba	Guernsey	Mongolia	Tajikistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Hungary ◊	Montenegro	Thailand
Botswana	Iceland	Morocco	Trinidad & Tobago
Brazil	India	Mozambique	Tunisia
Brunei Darussalam	Indonesia	Namibia	Turkey
Bulgaria ◊	Iran	North Macedonia	Turkmenistan
Cabo Verde	Ireland ◊	Norway	Ukraine
Cambodia	Israel	Oman	United Arab Emirates
Canada	Italy ◊	Pakistan	United Kingdom ▫
Chile	Jamaica	Philippines	United States of America
China	Japan	Poland ◊	Uzbekistan
Colombia	Kazakhstan	Portugal ◊	Viet Nam
Croatia	Kenya	Romania ◊	Zambia
Cuba	Korea, North	Russian Federation	Zimbabwe
Curaçao	Korea, South	Rwanda	

- * A designation of “Benelux” covers Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherland.
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- ◆ European Union countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden. These countries may be designated as a group (“the European Union”) or individually if listed separately above. The United Kingdom is not an EU country.
- ‡ Africa-OAPI consists of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Guinea Bissau, Senegal and Togo. These countries may only be designated as a group.
- ▣ A designation of “United Kingdom” covers England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Jersey, and the Falkland Islands (Malvina) and Gibraltar.

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