

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 124 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	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Rwanda
Africa - OAPI ‡	Denmark ♦	Lesotho	Samoa
Albania	Egypt	Liberia	San Marino
Algeria	Estonia ♦	Liechtenstein	Sao Tome and Principe
Antigua and Barbuda	Eswatini	Lithuania ♦	Serbia
Armenia	European Union ♦	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
Australia	Finland ♦	Malawi	Singapore
Austria ♦	France ♦	Malaysia	Slovakia ♦
Azerbaijan	Gambia	Mexico	Slovenia ♦
Bahrain	Georgia	Monaco	Spain ♦
Belarus	Germany ♦	Mongolia	Sudan
Benelux **	Ghana	Montenegro	Sweden ♦
Bhutan	Greece ♦	Morocco	Switzerland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guernsey	Mozambique	Syrian Arab Republic
Botswana	Hungary ♦	Namibia	Tajikistan
Brazil	Iceland	New Zealand	Thailand
Brunei Darussalam	India	North Macedonia	Trinidad & Tobago
Bulgaria ♦	Indonesia	Norway	Tunisia
Cambodia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman	Turkey
Canada	Ireland ♦	Pakistan	Turkmenistan
China	Israel	Philippines	Ukraine
Colombia	Italy ♦	Poland ♦	United Kingdom †
Croatia	Japan	Portugal ♦	United States of America
Cuba	Kazakhstan	Republic of Korea	Uzbekistan
Curacao	Kenya	Republic of Moldova	Viet Nam
Cyprus ♦	Kyrgyzstan	Romania ♦	Zambia
Czech Republic ♦	Latvia ♦	Russian Federation	Zimbabwe

<p>* A designation of "Benelux" covers Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherland.</p>
<p>◆ 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.</p>
<p>‡ 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.</p>
<p>⌘ A designation of "United Kingdom" covers England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Jersey, and the Falkland Islands (Malvina) and Gibraltar.</p>

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