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The Journal

21 December 2012

The December edition of the Journal is now available.

Changes to the patent journal information

With the release of the case management facility for patents, the Intellectual Property Office of NZ (IPONZ) is making changes to the patents journal.

From 21 December 2012, case specific patent information is completely online. The General Information section will remain a pdf document.

How do I view journal information?

To view the sections of the journal select the links below:

- You can view case specific information in the [online journal](#). [Read more on how to search the online journal](#).
- [General Information](#)

December Journal (1602) Supplementary Patent Information

The online Journal published on 21 December 2012 includes patents with events carried out in both IPONZ's new case management facility and in the previous system between 16 November and 6 December 2012.

The online Journal is only able to show the complete advertisement details for actions enacted on or after the launch date of the new facility for patents on 10 December 2012. For other cases it will only be able to show the type of event, such as the acceptance of a complete specification.

Please refer to this supplementary document to Journal 1602 below which shows full details of advertisements of events that occurred in the previous IPONZ system between 16 November and 6 December 2012.

- [December Journal \(1602\) - supplementary information](#)
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Decisions of the Commissioner

12 December 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in November are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
805168	SHARPEYE (device)	Sharpeye Limited	Sharp Corporation	2012/40	29/11/2012	Classes 6, 11, 19, 35 and 37 Opposition
833049	HOMESTAR (series)	Lighting Express Limited	New Zealand Green Building Council Incorporated and BRANZ Limited	2012/41	29/11/2012	Class 11 Opposition
841928 , 841939 , 814941 , 813641	KELIKELI; CELIKALI; KELIKALI; KEREKARI	Rising Dragon International Co Limited and New Zealand Rising Dragon International Co Limited	N.V. Nutricia	2012/42	29/11/2012	Class 5 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
552291	Tablet formulation	Bomac Research Limited	Argenta Manufacturing Limited	2012/19	12/11/2012	S21 Opposition
589433	Low Density Explosive Emulsion	Industrias Minco Sac	Redbull Powder Company Limited	2012/20	13/11/2012	S21 Opposition (Public Interest Decision)
540391	Anthelmintic composition	Jurox Pty Ltd	Merial New Zealand Ltd	2012/21	21/11/2012	S21 Opposition

Changes to direct debit arrangements

11 December 2012

With the release of the new case management facility for Patents and Plant Variety Rights the Intellectual Property Office of NZ (IPONZ) is making changes to the types of payment methods it will accept for Patents and Plant Variety Rights.

From 10 December 2012 the office will no longer accept direct debit as a method of payment for Patents and Plant Variety Rights transactions received via paper, email or fax. You will of course be able to use direct debit as a payment method for Patents and Plant Variety Rights when performing these transactions online.

This change will not affect the direct debit arrangements in place for PCT International and patent attorney transactions.

New online facility for International Trade Marks

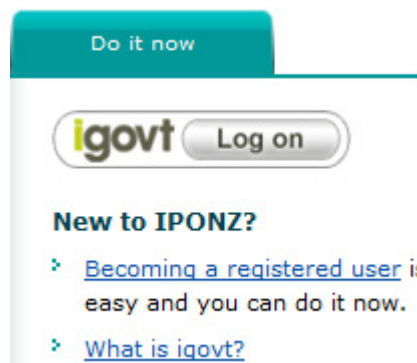
10 December 2012

Welcome to IPONZ's new 100% online case management facility for International Trade Marks. The facility is intuitive and easy-to-use and makes filing an international trade mark application with IPONZ as your office of origin easy.

What do you need to know?

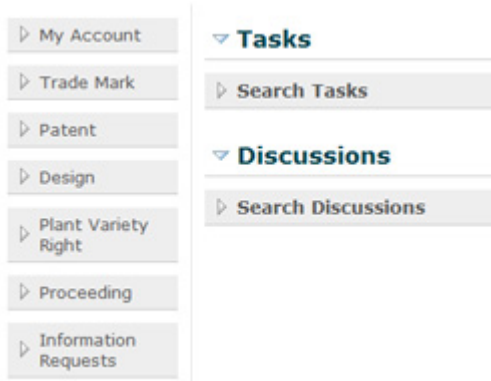
1. You need to [become a registered user](#) to access most of IPONZ's online case management facility.

To logon to the new facility click on the "Do it now" tab from the IPONZ homepage or click on the igovt logon button.



2. The navigation bar in your inbox has been simplified.

The inbox navigation bar on the left hand side of your inbox has been simplified so that all functions for a division e.g. trade marks, will now sit under that division heading. For example, if you wish to search the trade marks Register click the heading trade marks and you will be presented with this option.



[Read more about how to use your inbox.](#)

3. The Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2012 and the Trade Marks (International Registration) Regulations 2012 are also coming into force today.

The following are important changes that you need to know:

Regulations to give effect to the Madrid Protocol

- New Zealand will have a 100% electronic system including an electronic version of the MM2 form.
- New Zealand will not be charging a certification fee for international applications.
- International fees must be paid directly to WIPO, not through IPONZ.
- An address for service in New Zealand is required when responding to a provisional refusal to a New Zealand designation for protection or when acting in a proceeding.

Regulation amendments to comply with Singapore Treaty relief measures

- Applicants may now request 'continued processing' within two months of missed a deadline to revive an abandoned application. It can be requested via IPONZ's online case management facility at the same time as uploading the overdue response to a compliance report. "Continued Proceeding" is only available only once per application.

Authorisation of agent

- This can be provided 1 month after the submission if the Principal is based in New Zealand or 2 months if the Principal is based overseas.

Amendments to enable New Zealand to accede to the Nice Agreement

- New Zealand has been using the Nice Classification system of goods and services for many years. However, the new regulations were required to give the Commissioner the power to require owners of trade marks classified in the 3rd Schedule to convert them to the latest version of the Nice Classification so we could accede to the Agreement.

Fees

- The new fees schedule will be in effect on 10 December 2012.

Mandated electronic communications through the IPONZ's case management facility

- It will now be mandatory for applicants to communicate with IPONZ through its online case management facility. [Read more about our services.](#)

Miscellaneous amendments to improve the operation of the regulations

- It will now be possible to add further classes of goods or services up until the acceptance of a trade mark. This is not retrospective and will only apply to trade marks filed on or after 10 December 2012.
- You will now be able to divide a trade mark registration.

For more information:

- [Trade Marks \(International Registration\) Regulations 2012](#)
- [Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2012](#)
- [Main changes from the trade mark law reform 2012](#)

What next?

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IPONZ's new online patent case management facility

10 December 2012

IPONZ is delighted to introduce our new online case management facility for patents today.

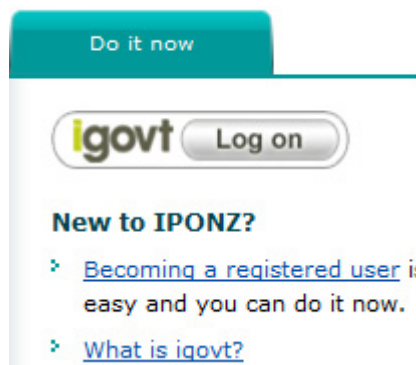
The new facility is an intuitive, easy-to-use web interface where you can search, apply and manage all of your patent cases online.

The new facility has been implemented in line with Government's stated goals for modern public services to reduce compliance costs and aim to build a stronger and more competitive New Zealand economy.

What do you need to know?

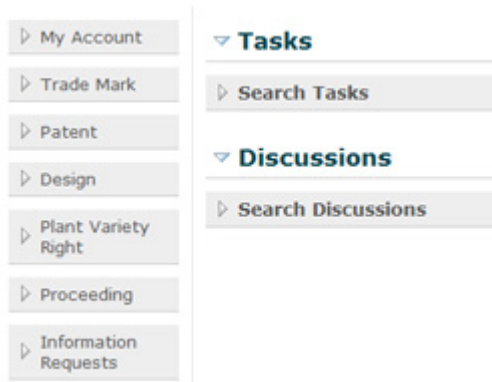
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2. You will have your own personal IPONZ inbox.

Once you have logged into our new system you will be taken straight to your inbox. This will give you fast access to all of your cases and will be the central point from which you can manage your IP Applications.



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3. You will have full control of your account details online.

This means you can update and maintain your account details yourself. Simply go to **My Account** from the left hand menu in your inbox and [maintain your details](#) under **My profile**.

[Read more about our services.](#)

Here is a summary of changes that you need to know:

1. There are now 3 types of patent applications:

- Application with provisional specification;
- Application with complete specification; and
- PCT national phase entry application.

2. Online filing facility for patent applications

Under regulation 9, the Commissioner directs that the forms in Schedule 2 of the Regulations are modified to the extent that IPONZ's new case management system be used in their place.

For example, from 10 December 2012:

- a request for sealing and a request for postponement of acceptance are often filed together with a patent application. For the convenience of users, the online filing forms incorporate text or check boxes that may be completed or checked in order to make such declarations or requests, and in so far as these boxes are completed or checked at the time of online filing, the associated declaration or request is considered to have been made.
- Form 13 is no longer required when applying for an extension of time to place an application in order for acceptance. The extendable three months will be included in the Task due date for responding to examination report and there will be a message in the Task stating: "By submitting this response an extension of time is required to put the application in order. This will be granted as of right automatically".

3. Submitting amended patent specifications

Applicants wishing to amend their patent specification will be required to provide:

- a full replacement specification, including any drawings and sequence listings that form part of the specification; and
- A document that clearly shows the changes that have been made to the specification and where the amendments are voluntary, payment of the official fee.

4. New patent case statuses:

- The statuses assigned to patent applications, in particular applications with provisional specifications, have changed. [Learn more about the new patent status descriptions.](#)

5. New statuses for patent specifications:

- Patent specifications will now have the following statuses: proposed, rejected, accepted, granted, overwritten and superseded.

6. Removal of the fee for Certificates of the Commissioner:

You are no longer required to pay a fee for Certificates of the Commissioner or Certified Copies. One exception is for preparation and transmission of priority documents to the International Bureau.

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IPONZ's new online PVR case management facility

10 December 2012

IPONZ is delighted to introduce you to our new online PVR case management facility.

The case management facility is an intuitive, easy-to-use web interface where you can search, apply and manage all of your PVR cases online.

The case management facility has been implemented in line with Government's stated goals for modern public services to reduce compliance costs and aim to build a stronger and more competitive New Zealand economy.

Here's a summary of what you need to know about the new case management facility.

For the first time, you will:

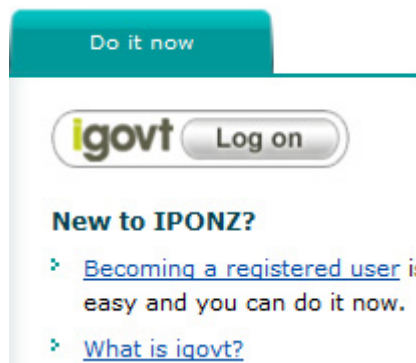
- receive all correspondence electronically, no more paper.
- have your own personal user inbox where you can manage your PVR applications, making it much easier to monitor their progress.
- be in charge of your own information, including the ability to update your contact details.

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What you need to know?

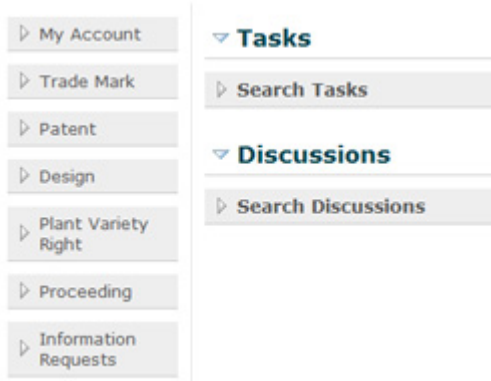
1. You need to [become a registered user](#) to access most of IPONZ's online case management facility.

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2. You will have your personal IPONZ inbox.

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During the closed day - Friday 7th December 2012

30 November 2012

The Patent Office (IPONZ) is declared closed on **Friday 7 December 2012** so we can have time to complete final preparations to release our new online case management facility for Patents, Plant Variety Rights and International Trade Marks on the following Monday 10 December 2012.

The following online services will not be available during the closed day:

- Searching for trade marks, designs and patents
- Searching the Online Journal
- Requests for public information
- Applications for Search and Preliminary Advice, trade marks, designs and patents
- Submitting correspondence for trade mark, design and patent applications
- Renewal of trade mark, design and patent rights

You will still be able to use the following services on the IPONZ website during the closed day:

- Read IPONZ website articles and content
- Search IPONZ website content
- Search for Plant Variety Rights

No filings will be accepted by any means during the Office closed day. The Office will be open again for business on Monday 10 December.

If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on this closed day, then the application or document can be filed on the next day when IPONZ is open, and will be deemed to have been filed in time. Read the [closed day notice](#).

Learn more about how to prepare for IPONZ's new case management facility:

- [Get ready for IPONZ's new online PVR case management facility](#)
- [Get ready for IPONZ's new online patent case management facility](#)

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Get ready for IPONZ's new online patent case management facility

30 November 2012

IPONZ's new online patent case management facility is scheduled for release on **Monday 10 December 2012**.

The following is important information to help you get ready to start using it.

What is happening prior to the release?

- All IPONZ online patent services will be shut down from the evening of Thursday 6 December 2012 to the morning of Monday 10 December 2012
- The Patent Office (IPONZ) is declared closed on Friday 7 December 2012. If a deadline for filing an application or document falls on the closed day, then the application or document can be filed on the next day when IPONZ is open, and will be deemed to have been filed in time. Read the [closed day notice](#) for more information.

What do you need to do to get ready?

1. You will need an igovt logon to use the new online patent facility. Your existing 9 digit user ID for the current facility won't work for the new patent facility.
 - If your organisation has already set up an igovt account to use IPONZ's new online facility for trade marks and/or designs you won't need to set up another for patents as all divisions will now be on the same platform. Simply ask your administrator to add you as a new user under your organisation's existing igovt account. You will then be able to access the new online patent facility.
 - If your organisation doesn't already have an igovt account you will need to set one up. Learn more here: [igovt logon service](#).
 - Once you have set up a new igovt account you will need to request to be linked to your old party ID that will be migrated across from the old facility so you can access all your existing patent cases.
2. You should also complete the following **before** 5.00 pm Thursday 6 December 2012:
 - Submit any saved patent applications you have in the current facility. This is important because your saved patent applications will not be transferred across to the new online patent facility and you will have to re-enter all the information.
 - Resolve any incomplete patent application issues and submit the details to IPONZ.

How does this affect trade marks and designs?

- The trade marks and designs online facilities will not be available from 7pm Thursday 6 December 2012 to the morning of Monday 10 December 2012.

Want to know more?

For more information about our new online case management facility read this news item: [New patent case management system - December 2012](#). If you require further assistance please [contact us](#).

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Get ready for IPONZ's new online PVR case management facility

30 November 2012

IPONZ's new online PVR case management facility is scheduled for release on **Monday 10 December 2012**. This will replace the current paper based process.

The following is important information so you can get ready to start using it.

What do you need to do to get ready?

To use the new online PVR facility you will need to have an igovt logon.

- If you already have an igovt logon to access other participating New Zealand Government agencies, such as the Companies Office, you can use the same igovt logon to access our services.
- If you don't already have an igovt logon, or want to set up another one specifically to access our services, learn how here: [igovt logon service](#).
- If your organisation has already set up an igovt account to use IPONZ's facility for trade marks and/or designs you won't need to set up another to access PVR as all divisions will now be on the same platform. Simply ask your administrator to add you as a new user under your organisation's existing igovt account. You will then be able to access the new PVR system.

Linking your new igovt account to your existing cases

Where you have existing PVR cases, you will need to request to be linked to them so you have access to all your cases in the new facility.

Assistance

If you need help setting up an igovt logon and/or linking to your existing cases, please call our helpdesk:

- Freephone within New Zealand
0508 447 669
- Freephone from Australia
1800 796 338

Want to know more?

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The Journal

30 November 2012

The November edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The November 2012 edition – Journal 1601](#)
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Patent practice change - online filing facility for patent applications

28 November 2012

The Commissioner has released a note advising that IPONZ's new patent case management system being released on 10th December 2012 removes the need for users to submit additional patent forms as found in Schedule 2 of the Regulations where the information required, or the declaration or request being made, can be seen as equivalent.

To formalise this change, under Regulation 9 the Commissioner directs that the forms in Schedule 2 of the Regulations are modified to the extent that IPONZ's new case management system may be used in their place.

For example, from the 10th December 2012 a request for sealing and a request for postponement of acceptance are often filed together with a patent application. For the convenience of users, the online filing forms incorporate text or check boxes that may be completed or checked in order to make such declarations or requests, and in so far as these boxes are completed or checked at the time of online filing, the associated declaration or request is considered to have been made.

Read the practice note: [Supplementary practice note - online filing facility for patent applications](#)

International Patent Classification 2013

28 November 2012

The International Patent Classification (IPC) version 2013.01 comes into force on 1 January 2013.

IPONZ examiners will be using the new version for classifying applications accepted and published in Patent Office Journal in January 2013 onwards.

Searching published patents

Patents applied for prior to 1 January 2013 are not automatically reclassified, may retain retired IPC symbols, and may not include symbols introduced in the new version. When searching for a patent, IPONZ recommends that you use symbols from both the current and earlier versions of the IPC for a complete search.

Helpful links

- [Information about the IPC](#)
 - [IPONZ patent classification](#)
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Business.govt.nz launches ONECheck

27 November 2012

Business.govt.nz launches ONECheck three-in-one business name search tool

Business.govt.nz's ONECheck is an online search tool that combines a company name, domain and trade mark search all in one place.

Created for people who are looking at starting a new business, renaming their current business or just wanting to check their existing business name is secure; ONECheck packages all the relevant information in one place, so you don't have to work from three different websites.

A businesses name is a vital asset, and something that needs to be protected in a number of different places.

Simply enter a business name and hit the Search button. ONECheck will immediately advise the availability of that name as a company name, domain name and trade mark. If the name is available Business.govt.nz will provide the information required to go on and secure that name.

- A direct link to the Companies Office allows you to go on and reserve your company name on the Companies Register.
- You can also go through to a domain name registrar approved by the Domain Name Commission.
- A connection with the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand directs you to where you can carry out a search and preliminary advice check to establish that a trade mark for your business name is available.

ONECheck is available now at www.business.govt.nz/onecheck, so visit today and ensure your future, or current, business name is protected.

Decisions of the commissioner

9 November 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in October are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
816967	ZOGGS	Zoggs International Limited	Sexwax, Incorporated	2012-31	15/10/2012	Class 25 Opposition
192041 , 192207 , 192691 , 206883 , 206884	Red Nose Day (device), The Red Nose Day, Red Nose Day (device), Nose Day, Nose	Cure Kids	National SIDS Council of Australia Ltd	2012-32	15/10/2012	Classes 28, 36 and 41 Opposition

Amended Trade Mark Regulations gazetted

8 November 2012

The amendments that are being made to the Trade Mark Regulations have today been notified in the New Zealand Gazette.

The Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2012 and the Trade Marks (International Registration) Regulations 2012 will bring into force on **10 December 2012** a number of changes to the trade mark system. These changes represent the first set of changes that will be made to the regulations and cover the following areas:

- Regulations to give effect to the Madrid Protocol
- Regulation amendments required to comply with the Singapore Treaty
- Amendments to enable New Zealand to accede to the Nice Agreement
- Fees
- Mandatory electronic communications through the Commissioner's case management facility
- Miscellaneous amendments to improve the operation of the regulations

The second set of changes are anticipated to come into force in the first quarter of 2013 and will cover:

- Amendments to proceedings regulations to improve the administration of proceedings before the Commissioner
- Further miscellaneous amendments to improve the operation of the regulations

The reason for the regulations being done in two parts is to allow New Zealand to implement the international treaties elements, including the Madrid Protocol in 2012.

For more information:

- [Trade Marks \(International Registration\) Regulations 2012](#)
- [Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2012](#)
- [Main changes from the trade mark law reform 2012](#)

Design renewal certificates are now publicly visible

1 November 2012

IPONZ has changed the visibility of design renewal certificates so they're now publicly available.

This change is in keeping with our objective to make our business as transparent as possible. In addition, patent renewal certificates will also be opened to the public later in the year.

To view a design renewal certificate simply search for a renewed design and open the renewal certificate from the **Documents** tab.



The screenshot shows a web interface with three tabs: 'Bibliographical Data', 'History', and 'Documents'. The 'Documents' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs, there is a section titled '9 Document(s)' followed by a table with three columns: 'Name', 'Type', and 'Level of Confidentiality'.

Name	Type	Level of Confidentiality
Renewal Certificate	Renewal certificate	Public
Design representations	Representations	Public

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Patent Office is declared closed on Friday 7th December 2012

26 October 2012

Pursuant to section 5(2) of the Patents Act 1953, section 188 of the Trade Marks Act 2002 and section 45(1) of the Designs Act 1953, the Commissioner hereby declares the Patent Office (known as the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand) closed for transaction of business on **Friday 7 December 2012**.

The closed day applies to the transaction of business under the Patents Act 1953, Trade Marks Act 2002 and Designs Act 1953.

Please note that the closed day **will not** affect the Plant Variety Rights Office, which will remain open.

Reason for closure of the Patent Office

The Patent Office will be closed on Friday 7 December 2012 to enable technical work to be completed in preparation for the following:

- Its new case management system for Patents and Plant Variety Rights; and
- Updates to the Trade Marks system for International Trade Marks under the Madrid Protocol.

These new systems will go live the following Monday 10th December 2012.

The Commissioner is satisfied that under these circumstances it is both necessary and desirable to declare the Patent Office closed.

Deadlines that fall on the closed day

If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on this closed day, then the application or document can be filed on the next day when IPONZ is open, and will be deemed to have been filed in time.

The Journal

26 October 2012

The October journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The October 2012 - Journal 1600](#)

Training sessions for IPONZ's new online case management system

25 October 2012

In preparation for the release of IPONZ new online case management system for Patents, Plant Variety Rights and International Trade Marks on Monday, **10 December 2012**, IPONZ is running a series of free training sessions in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch.

Training schedule

City	Division	Date	Start Time
Wellington IPONZ Office: 205 Victoria Street Wellington	Patents ^{FULL}	Monday, 5 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	Patents ^{FULL}	Monday, 5 November 2012	2:00 p.m.
	Patents ^{FULL}	Tuesday, 6 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	Patents ^{FULL}	Tuesday, 6 November 2012	2:00 p.m.
	Proceedings	Wednesday, 7 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	Proceedings	Wednesday, 7 November 2012	2:00 p.m.
	PVR	Thursday, 8 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	International Trade Marks ^{FULL}	Thursday, 8 November 2012	2:00 p.m.
Auckland Cliftons Auckland Level 2, Tower Centre 45 Queen Street Auckland	Patents ^{FULL}	Monday, 19 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	Patents	Monday, 19 November 2012	2:00 p.m.
	Patents ^{FULL}	Tuesday, 20 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	Patents ^{FULL}	Tuesday, 20 November 2012	2:00 p.m.

Proceedings ^{FULL}	Wednesday, 21 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
Proceedings	Wednesday, 21 November 2012	2:00 p.m.
PVR	Thursday, 22 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
International Trade Marks ^{FULL}	Thursday, 22 November 2012	2:00 p.m.

Christchurch Southern Business Centre 55 Wordsworth Street Sydenham Christchurch	Patents ^{FULL}	Monday, 26 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	Proceedings	Tuesday, 27 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	PVR ^{FULL}	Wednesday, 28 November 2012	9:00 a.m.
	International Trade Marks ^{FULL}	Thursday, 29 November 2012	9:00 a.m.

What's next?

If you haven't already, we strongly recommend that you sign up for [our email updates](#) to stay informed of changes to IPONZ practices and updates to our new case management system.

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

24 October 2012

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

To view the journal click here: [PVR Journal No. 131 published 24 October 2012](#).

Changes to Trade Mark Compliance Reports

18 October 2012

IPONZ will now specify the goods and/or services that an objection relates to when raising substantive objections under the Trade Marks Act 2002.

The change will align our reports with the provisional refusal reports issued by IPONZ under the Madrid Protocol.

Objections under sections 17, 18 and 25 will now specify:

- if the objection relates to all of the goods and/or services in the application; if not
- the classes of goods and/or services the objection relates to; and
- the goods and/or services that the objection relates to.

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Patent practice change - Submitting amended patent specifications

17 October 2012

From **29 October 2012**, applicants wishing to amend their patent specification will be required to submit an **entire** new specification with any response to an examination report or if proposing voluntary amendments to a patent specification at any time before acceptance. It will no longer be sufficient to provide only amended parts of the specification, which is currently accepted under the out-going practice.

This change in practice applies to new applications and all existing applications that were filed before the 29 October 2012, including New Zealand National Phase applications.

Any proposed amendments that are not accompanied by the entire proposed new specification and drawings will be required to be re-submitted. Please note that the specification includes the description, claims, drawings and sequence listings where relevant.

The new practice is made pursuant to regulation 103, and is in anticipation of the launch of IPONZ new case management system for Patents that will be released on 10 December 2012.

This practice note supersedes the practice note '[Amendments to electronic copies of patent specifications](#)'.

Applicants will still be required to comply with regulation 101 for voluntary amendments and provide a patents form 43 and pay the prescribed fee.

Decisions of the Commissioner

9 October 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in September are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
822594	NITOMAN	Phebra Pty Ltd	Biovail Laboratories International (Barbados) SRL	2012/27	3/9/2012	Class 5 Opposition
824065	LASHPERFECT	Lisa Robinson	The Eyelash Design Company Limited	2012/28	3/9/2012	Classes 35, 41 Application for Declaration of Invalidity
821260	OLYMPUS	Ros Roca Environment, S.L	Olympus Corporation	2012/29	17/9/2012	Classes 12, 37, 40 and 42 Opposition
799886	FREEBARS	Mars New Zealand Limited	Cadbury Limited	2012/30	17/9/2012	Class 30 Opposition

WIPO and IPONZ training on the Madrid Protocol

8 October 2012

IPONZ has the pleasure to announce the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will be in New Zealand to run a series of training sessions in conjunction with IPONZ on the Madrid system in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch.

The sessions will start with the introduction to the Madrid system and highlight the services offered by WIPO. IPONZ will then run through New Zealand specific information, including a demonstration of its online international application form.

Spaces are limited so book your session now using the bookings form below:

Wellington	Auckland	Christchurch
23 October 2012	24 October 2012	25 October 2012
9 – 11 am	9 – 11 am	10 am – 12 pm
MBIE Building 33 Bowen Street Wellington	Stamford Plaza Auckland Hotel 22-26 Albert Street Auckland	The George 50 Park Terrace Christchurch

Region ■

No further training sessions are available.

Name ■

Organisation ■

Email address ■

Phone number ■

Verification: Please type the word 'intellectual' in lower case ■

To help us reduce spam please type the word 'intellectual' in the field below.

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New patent case management system - December 2012

4 October 2012

IPONZ is releasing patents into our online case management system in **December 2012**.

This will complete the staged release of IPONZ's online system, which began with the successful release of trade marks and designs earlier this year.

The case management system is an easy to use web-based user interface. It is a single place for you to search, apply for, correspond and manage all of your IP cases, including proceedings cases with IPONZ.

The system has been implemented in line with the Government's stated goals for modern public services to reduce compliance costs and to help build a stronger and more competitive New Zealand economy.

What do you need to know?

1. The way you do business with IPONZ is changing, you will:
 - Receive all correspondence electronically, no more paper.
 - Have a personal user inbox where you can keep track of all your patent cases.
 - Be in charge of your information, including the ability to maintain applicant's contact details.

[Read more about IPONZ new online case management system.](#)

2. Closer to the release date, we will provide instructions on how to set up your account to use the new system, and to link to your existing Patent cases.
3. There is no need to logon to search the Patent register.

What next?

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PVR is going online in December 2012

4 October 2012

IPONZ is releasing PVR into its online case management system in **December 2012**.

This will complete the staged release of IPONZ's new online system, which began with the successful release of trade marks and designs earlier this year.

The case management system is an easy to use web-based user interface. It is a single place for you to search, apply for, correspond and manage all of your PVR cases with IPONZ.

The system has been implemented in line with Government's stated goals for modern public services to reduce compliance costs and to help build a stronger and more competitive New Zealand economy.

What does this mean for you?

1. For the first time, you will be able to manage all of your PVR cases online via the IPONZ website.
 - You will receive all correspondence electronically, no more paper.
 - You will have your own personal user inbox where you can manage your PVR applications, making it much easier to monitor their progress.
 - You will be in charge of your own information, including the ability to update your contact details.

[Read more about IPONZ new online case management system.](#)

2. Closer to the release date, we will provide instructions on how to set up your account to use the system, and to link to your existing PVR cases.

3. There is no need to logon to search the PVR register.

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Online Services unavailable Saturday 6 October from 8:00am

2 October 2012

Due to essential enhancements to our Ministry's IT infrastructure IPONZ online services will be unavailable on Saturday 6 October from 8:00am to 9:00pm NZDT.

NZIPA Public Seminar Series – October 2012



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE



2 October 2012

Celebrating the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc.'s centenary

In partnership with the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc., IPONZ invites you to help us celebrate the Institute's centenary by attending the final in a series of seminars co-sponsored by IPONZ.

In this final seminar, you have the unique opportunity to hear Mark Vivian talk about "Venture Capital Investment in New Zealand – the NZ landscape, current trends and what we look for".

Topic: "Venture Capital Investment in New Zealand – the NZ landscape, current trends and what we look for"

Speaker: Mark Vivian, Mark is a partner with MOVAC, the Wellington-based venture capital firm. In the past decade, MOVAC has made 25 investments in early stage NZ companies, and are best known for being original investors in Trade Me. MOVAC has recently raised its third fund, to invest \$42M of growth capital into NZ businesses.

Date: 17 October 2012

Time: 5.30pm – 7:30pm. Presentation will commence at 6pm.
Food and refreshments will be provided.

Venue: Spectrum Theatre (formerly BP Theatrette)
Cnr Customhouse Quay & Johnston Street
Wellington

There is no charge to attend but you do need to RSVP at secretary@nzipa.org.nz by 7 October 2012.

Trade mark practice guideline change - Monaco marks

1 October 2012

The practice of treating Monaco marks ("MONACO", "Principality of Monaco", "Principauté de Monaco" and "Palis de Monaco") as protected marks has been reviewed by the Office. We consider there is now no legal basis for raising this objection

and have deleted the paragraph that was previously listed under 05 Absolute grounds distinctiveness - Section 18 of the Trade Marks Act 2002/ 4.4.3 Monaco.

[Read the updated guideline.](#)

The Journal

The September edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site. You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The September 2012 edition – Journal 1599](#)
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Madrid Protocol and Singapore Treaty

26 September 2012

On September 10, 2012 New Zealand deposited the Instrument of Accession to the Madrid Protocol and the Ratification of the Singapore Treaty with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The Madrid Protocol and the Singapore Treaty will enter into force in New Zealand on 10 December 2012.

Through the Madrid Protocol from 10 December 2012, New Zealand businesses will have a cost effective and efficient mechanism for applying for and maintaining trade marks in international markets. It also makes doing business in New Zealand easier for overseas companies who file trade marks in multiple jurisdictions.

For full details of New Zealand's declarations under the Madrid Protocol and the Singapore Treaty please see:

- [Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks - Accession by New Zealand](#)
- [Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks - Ratification by New Zealand](#)

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Trade mark practice guideline change

24 September 2012

The Trade Mark practice guideline for Priority of trade mark applications has been updated. The changes reflect how full and partial convention priority claims are recorded in the case management system.

Read the updated sections of the guidelines:

- [Practice Guideline 02b Priority of trade mark applications](#)

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IPONZ's scheduled outage is changing to Wednesday

21 September 2012

In order to reduce the impact of our weekly scheduled outage on clients we will be moving our regular outage windows from Sunday and Tuesday evenings to one outage window – Wednesday evenings effective 24 September 2012.

Our final Sunday night outage is scheduled for 23 September. Wednesday night outages will commence on 3 October from 9:00pm NZDT to 11:00pm NZDT.

New trade mark regulations to be drafted

18 September 2012

New trade mark regulations are being drafted and are expected to be in force by the end of the year.

These regulations will:

- introduce a new schedule of fees; including small fee increases;
- mandate electronic communication with the Intellectual Property Office (IPONZ);
- prescribe regulations needed for New Zealand's accession to three international trade mark treaties; and
- make various general amendments to the regulations, such as to the processes and requirements for proceedings in the IPONZ Hearings Office, including clarification of some regulations that have caused uncertainty.

The new fee schedule updates fees that have not increased since 1999. The fees will remain low by international comparison and the increases are in line with inflation.

The fees are:

Proposed trade mark fees (GST exclusive)

	Search (\$)	Preliminary Advice (PA)	S&PA	Application	Renewal	Opposition	Hearing	Revocation	Declaration of Invalidity	Copies
Current Fee	\$20	\$20	\$40	\$100	\$250	\$300	\$750	\$ -	\$300	\$30
Proposed Fee	\$40	\$40	\$80	\$150	\$350	\$350	\$850	\$350	\$350	Nil

The regulations will also mandate the use of online communications with IPONZ for trade marks. IPONZ introduced a modern online case management earlier this year, and now 97.3 per cent of communications with the Office are done online. By mandating online communications, IPONZ can seek further efficiencies in how it operates.

The regulations are expected to be in force by 10 December 2012.

For more information:

- [Read the cabinet paper.](#)
- [Read the Minister's media release.](#)

Decisions of the Commissioner

10 September 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in August are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
771411	BAVARIAN BIER CAFÉ (device)	John Anton Szangolies	Bavaria N. V.	2012/25	14/08/2012	Classes 16, 32, 43 Opposition
832779 , 833028	CLICK & ROLL, CLICK	British American Tobacco (Brands) Limited	Philip Morris Products S.A.	2012/26	14/08/2012	Class 34 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
550496	A contact filter block, a method of producing structural elements of a nontact filter block and an apparatus for producing structural elements of a contact filter block	Expo-Net Danmark A/S	Buono-Net Australia Pty Ltd	2012/16	06/08/12	s42 Application for Revocation
551614	Modular heated towel rail	DC Short Limited	CDB Media Limited	2012/17	06/08/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)

IPONZ Freephone from Australia

5 September 2012

Keeping in touch with IPONZ from Australia just got simpler with the launch of the Australia toll free number.

You can call the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) during our business hours.

The freephone number from Australia is 1800 796 338.

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Trade mark practice guideline changes for division

4 September 2012

The Trade Mark practice guidelines for division have been updated.

Among the updates, the guidelines confirm that when an application is divided to overcome an objection the goods and/or services to which the objection relates must remain with the parent application. The other goods and/or services that are not subject to the objection can be divided into a new child application, which can then proceed to acceptance.

Read the updated section of the guidelines:

- [Practice Guideline 17 Division](#)

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The Journal

31 August 2012

The August edition of the Journal is now available.

The latest journal has now been posted on the site. You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The August 2012 edition – Journal 1598](#)
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NZIPA Public Seminar Series – September 2012

30 August 2012



Celebrating the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc.'s centenary

In partnership with the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc., IPONZ is inviting you to help us celebrate the Institute's centenary.

The Institute is running a series of seminars which are co-sponsored by IPONZ. Elizabeth Barbalich will be talking about "Antipodes Scientific Organic Beauty" at the Wellington event on Thursday 20th September 2012.

Topic: "Antipodes Scientific Organic Beauty"

Antipodes® scientific organic beauty brand is the perfect trinity of green beauty, anti-ageing performance and style. The Wellington Brand, founded by Elizabeth Barbalich, conducts independent in vitro investigations and clinical trials across its certified organic product range to deliver quality high performance products to eco-conscious women.

Inspired by the wallpaper backdrop of nature to the capital city, Antipodes features bioactive botanical ingredients from New Zealand and revolutionary new antioxidant ingredients Vinanza Grape® and Vinanza Performance Plus®. The avant-garde, alluring fragrances in Antipodes® products has helped the brand gain a cult following in six short years.

Speaker: Elizabeth Barbalich, Founder Antipodes Skincare range

Date: 20 September 2012

Time: 5.30pm – 7:30pm. Presentation will commence at 6pm
Food and refreshments will be provided.

Venue: Spectrum Theatre (formerly BP Theatrette)
Cnr Customhouse Quay & Johnston Street
Wellington

There is no charge to attend but you do need to RSVP at secretary@nzipa.org.nz by 10 September 2012.

Commerce Minister comments on patent law

29 August 2012

Commerce Minister, Craig Foss, has today released a statement about the progress of the Patents Bill, which is part of the Government's Business Growth Agenda.

Read the full press release on the [Beehive website](#).

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Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management System

29 August 2012

Enhancement to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective today are as follows:

Search improvements

Search case title(s) with brackets and operators

You can now search case titles using brackets and operators for more advanced queries.

Operator	Description	For example
()	Divides your search into a logical search sequence.	(cat OR dog) AND (food OR biscuits) will return case titles containing any of the following combinations 'cat and food', 'cat and biscuits', 'dog and food' and 'dog and biscuits'.
AND NOT	Omits specific words from your search.	<i>For example (cat OR dog) AND (food OR biscuits) AND NOT mix</i> will return case titles containing any of the following combinations 'cat and food', 'cat and biscuits', 'dog and food' and 'dog and biscuits' and not mix.

In addition to the new functions the use of quotations around a single word will produce results where an entire mark consists of that single word or letter, for example, "cat" will find cases with the exact same case title. Placing quotations around a group of words or phrases will return results where the mark contains that phrase in the order it's written. For example "cat food" may find results such as 'Joe Blogg's Cat Food'.

Search Vienna Codes with AND, OR and AND NOT

You are now able to use AND, OR and AND NOT when searching for cases with specific Vienna codes.

Operator	Description	For example
OR	Using OR between terms will return results which contain either term.	Entering 8.1.1 OR 8.1.4 in the Vienna Classification code(s) field will find results that contain either 8.1.1, 8.1.4 or both codes.
AND	Using AND between terms will search for marks which contain both terms. It will be calculated before OR requests	Searching for 8.1.1 AND 8.1.4 and the results will show any Cases containing both Vienna codes.
AND NOT	The use of AND NOT will omit any results containing a Vienna code(s) that you do not wish to include in your results.	Entering 8.1.1 AND NOT 8.1.4 will find results containing Vienna code 8.1.1 but will omit any results containing both 8.1.1 and 8.1.4.

Please see our [guide to online searching of the trade mark register](#) for further information.

Change to the display of saved applications


Applications yet to be submitted, now display on a separate window so it's easier for you to navigate through the application form.

How do I find saved applications?

- In the **Your saved Trade Mark requests** section of the application screen choose **Select**
- The **Select previously saved request** window will display a list of your saved applications
- Choose the radio button for the application you wish to continue, then click **Select**. The application will display.

What do the improvements look like?

INBOX > APPLY FOR TRADE MARK

Complete the fields below, and press  **Submit** at the bottom right hand corner, to submit your application.

You can save your application at any stage by pressing  **Save** at the bottom right hand corner.

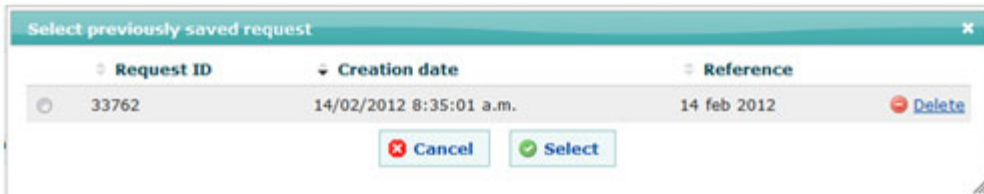
All fields marked with  need to be completed.

For further information please refer to the Trade Mark section of this website.

▼ Your saved Trade Marks requests

If you have a saved application that you wish to complete, press Select below and choose it from your list.

[Select](#)



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Convention countries order update

20 August 2012

The following Orders come into force on **23 August 2012**:

- [The Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Convention Order 2012](#)
- [The Layout Designs \(Eligible Countries\) Amendment Order 2012](#)

The Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Convention Order 2012 updates the list of countries that can be used to claim "convention priority" for a New Zealand Patent, Design or Trade Mark application, and now includes Samoa and Tonga.

Seven regional intellectual property (IP) offices, including the European Patent Office and the Office of Harmonisation in the Internal Market, have also been added. Convention priority can be claimed directly from applications to these regional IP offices.

Please note, that The International Bureau of WIPO (IB) is not a convention country. Applicants wishing to claim convention priority from an earlier international patent application (IB) must designate a convention country that they designated in the earlier IB application.

Read more [information on the country code for convention countries](#).

The Layout Designs (Eligible Countries) Amendment Order 2012 updates the list of countries under which reciprocal protection of layout designs is recognised in New Zealand.

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Decisions of the Commissioner

15 August 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in July are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade Marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
819944	Representation Only	British American Tobacco (Brands) Inc	Philip Morris Products S.A.	2012/20	9/07/2012	Class 34 Opposition
812267	YELLZO	Robert Stevenson	YPG IP Limited	2012/21	12/07/2012	Classes 35 and 38 Opposition
829490	SYLVANIAN FAMILIES	Epoch Company Ltd	Flowil International Lighting (Holdings) B.V	2012/22	12/07/2012	Class 9 Opposition
831565 , 832342	MONEY CARD (device)	Marcus Khal	Mastercard International Incorporated	2012/23	25/07/2012	Classes 9 and 36 Opposition
824500	SWEET SENSATIONS	Turners & Growers Limited	J. S. Ewers Limited	2012/24	25/07/2012	Class 31 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
560669	Alcohol resistant dosage forms	Euro-Celtique S.A.		2012/15	16/07/2012	Outstanding objections to acceptance of the application under sections 13 and 10(4)

Update on amendments to the Trade Marks Regulations

17 August 2012

Submissions on the [Discussion Paper](#) published on 11 May 2012 have been received and considered.

IPONZ intends to implement the amendments to the regulations in December 2012. The amendments to the regulations will be notified in the New Zealand Gazette. We will also be providing updates about the amended regulations via our e-newsletter and website in the lead up to them coming into force.

Madrid Protocol

IPONZ is testing an early version of the Madrid International application form (MM2), which will be integrated into our new case management system in December 2012. We have been visiting clients to preview our electronic Madrid application form, and discuss how we will be certifying Madrid applications as the Office of Origin, and examining incoming designations for protection.

- [Visit the WIPO website for more information on the Madrid protocol.](#)
- [Read the Minister Craig Foss's press statement about Madrid.](#)

3rd Schedule Registrations and Conversion to the Nice classification

When the amended trade mark regulations come into force any 3rd schedule trade marks still on the Register will be subject to a mandatory conversion process to convert them to the latest edition of the Nice classification.

IPONZ has been running a project to try and encourage owners of 3rd schedule marks to voluntarily convert their marks to latest version of the Nice classification before the amended regulations come into force.

During August, we will again be contacting owners of 3rd schedule marks to try and get them to go through the voluntary conversion process. We strongly encourage owners to respond to our letter by **9 November 2012**. This will ensure that we have enough time to process your request for conversion before the amended regulations come into force.

The benefits of voluntary conversion are:

- You will have time to consider the Commissioner's conversion proposal and reach an agreed converted specification with IPONZ.
- Your mark will have a valid classification schedule so it will come up in trade mark searches. This could reduce the potential for your mark being subject to a trade mark dispute.

Trade marks registered in the 3rd schedule can currently be searched on the IPONZ website. The results can be exported and sorted by owner. [Read here on how to search trade marks by class.](#)

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Weekly Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management System

1 August 2012

Enhancement to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective today are as follows:

Change to proceeding case visibility

An enhancement has been made to make proceedings cases visible to the public.

You can now search for proceeding case numbers and will be able to view bibliographical data and any publicly available documents online.

If you require further assistance please contact us. Subscribe to our email update service to keep up to date with the world of Intellectual Property and our online services.

The Journal

27 July 2012

The July edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site. You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The July 2012 edition – Journal 1597](#)

Decisions of the Commissioner

27 July 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in June are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade Marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
814421 , 814531 , 814532 , 814533	KA MATE; UPANE KAUPANE; WHITI TE RA; KA ORA	Te Runanga O Toa Rangatira Incorporated	Prokiwi International Limited	2012/14	1/06/2012	Classes 18, 25, 28, 35, and 41 Opposition
296115	SKY	Sky Network Television Limited	Skyfiber, Inc	2012/15	11/06/2012	Classes 9 Application for Revocation on grounds of non-use
821899	FIPROLINE	Virbac S A	Merial	2012/16	11/06/2012	Class 5 Opposition
825612	RELAX	Jan Antolik	Tymbark-MWS SP.Z.O.O.S.K.A	2012/17	11/06/2012	Class 32 Application for Declaration of Invalidity
813615	MACGOWANS	The Mill Liquor Save Limited	The Scotch Whisky Association	2012/18	27/06/2012	Class 33 Opposition
834938	BOSSINI	Burling Limited	H & Y Holdings Pty Limited	2012/19	27/06/2012	Classes 18, 25, and 35 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
542889	Micronized wood preservative formulations	Osmose Inc	Mattersmiths Holdings Limited	2012/05	11/06/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
563564	Phosphatidylserine enriched milk fractions for the formulation of functional foods	Arla Foods AMBA	Fonterra Co-Operative Group Limited	2012/06	11/06/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
531672	Dosage form, device and methods of treatment	Eli Lilly and Company	Merial Ltd	2012/07	11/06/2012	s21 Opposition
554254	Top down water heater	Rheem Australia Pty Limited	Rinnai New Zealand Limited	2012/08	15/06/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
566816	Dispensing of restricted goods	Bluepoint International Pty Ltd	PCAS Patient Care Automation Services Inc	2012/09	15/06/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
567727	Communicating with business customers	One Smart Star Limited	New Zealand Post Limited	2012/10	15/06/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
549424	Anthelmintic formulations	Merial Limited	Bomac Research Limited	2012/11	25/06/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
556233	Management of animals	James Harold Vernon, John Spencer Vernon, Richard Llewellyn Vernon	Livestock Improvement Corporation Limited	2012/12	25/06/2012	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
545570	Amino acid prodrugs	Signature R&D Holdings LLC		2012/13	25/06/2012	Objections to acceptance under section 10
569871	Spacers for use with actuator casings	Fisher Controls International LLC	Dennis Eugene O'Hara	2012/14	26/06/2012	Application under section 65(1) to determine a dispute between employer and employee as to rights in an invention

Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management System

25 July 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective today are as follows:

Enhancements to the Maintain screens

Enhancements have been made to make recording changes easier. We have simplified the following services and screens:

1. Change of ownership (assignment)

You can now record a new owner and notify us that you will act on behalf of the new owner at the same time.

[Read more about how to request a change of ownership for trade mark as an example.](#)

2. Change of agent

You can now easily record the new agent or remove yourself as agent for the mark.

[Read more about how to make a request to change agent for trade mark as an example.](#)

3. Request to divide or partial change of ownership

You can now easily divide an application into two or more and assign some of those applications to another owner. At the same you will have an ability to upload proof of the change such as a sale and purchase agreement.

Introducing a new task for proceedings – Pay Fee

A new task has been created for the proceeding process to allow the appropriate party to make the payment for the hearing fee.

The Hearings Office will generate the task and assign it to the party to make the payment online.

This will make it simpler to administer the hearing process.

▼ **Tasks**

Search Tasks

2 Task(s)

Task	Case Number	Case Title	Case Type	Owner	Contact Details	Client Reference	Task Due Date
Pay Fee	1215	Request on Trade Mark 129965	Proceedings – TM Declaration of Invalidity	(1988 Address for) THE NEW ZEALAND AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	A.J Park		01 Aug 2012
Pay Fee	1221	Request on Trade Mark 1663	Proceedings – TM Revocation	3FreeFormatBen 3FreeFormatLm	A.J Park		01 Aug 2012

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The Plant Variety Rights Journal

16 July 2012

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[To view the journal click here: PVR Journal No. 130 published 14 July 2012.](#)

NZIPA Public Seminar Series

13 July 2012



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Celebrating the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc's centenary

In partnership with the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc, IPONZ is inviting you to help us celebrate the institute's centenary.

The Institute is running a series of seminars throughout the country which are co-sponsored by IPONZ. Melissa Clark-Reynolds will be talking about the development and management of her company's IP at the Wellington event on Thursday 16th August 2012.

Topic: "Monkeying around at MiniMonos: Where is the value – the Tech or the Content?"

MiniMonos is an ethical children's brand that developed a virtual world for children which had over one million registered users within a year of its UK launch, and is still growing. MiniMonos has been developing comics for Toxic magazine (the best-read boy's magazine in the UK), and has recently signed a licensing agreement with a UK publisher. The company partners with a number of NGOs and companies, and is planning a range of ethical (slavery free, fair trade, environmentally responsible) toys to be launched in 2013.

Speaker: Melissa Clark-Reynolds, a serial entrepreneur and founder of MiniMonos.

Date: 16 August 2012

Time: 5.30pm – 7:30pm. Presentation will commence at 6pm.

Food and refreshments will be provided.

Venue: Spectrum Theatre (formerly BP Theatrette)
Cnr Customhouse Quay & Johnston Street
Wellington

There is no charge to attend but you do need to RSVP at secretary@nzipa.org.nz by 10 August 2012.

Weekly Enhancements to IPONZ's New Case Management System

4 July 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective today are as follows:

Enhancement to User Inbox, Tasks

A new column has been added to the tasks section of your inbox to indicate who the case contact for the case is.

This will make it easier for your organisation's administrator to quickly identify which user is the case contact for a particular case.

[Read more about administrator's options and how to assign cases to individual users.](#)

Tasks

Search Tasks

16 Task(s)

Task	Case Number	Case Title	Case Type	Owner	Contact Details	Client Reference	Task Due Date
Respond to TM Compliance Report	751009	NO-GERMS	Trade Mark	Advanced Formulations (Europe) Limited	Jackie Baldwins Member	CH148847NZPR	17 Jul 2012
Respond to TM Compliance Report	954426	Kia Ora	Trade Mark	Gary Smith	Glenda Carston	MaoriB_11	09 Nov 2012
Respond to TM Compliance Report	955146	Sun and surf	Trade Mark	Wonderful World Limited	Jackie Baldwins Member	Sun cream	14 Dec 2012
Respond to TM Compliance Report	955392	MAZZYSUN	Trade Mark	Maria Sun	Glenda Carston	MSU160998NZPR	26 Jan 2013

Enhancement to My Subscriptions screen

A new criteria has been added to the My Subscription screen to allow you to watch any changes to the Trade Mark's Nice classes.

My Subscriptions is a service where you can create your own subscriptions for watching any changes to an individual case or a collection of cases; or by any changes to classes; and specifications.

You can have up to 5 subscriptions at any time, and watch up to 5 classes or up to 1,000 cases per subscription.

An email notification will be sent to notify you of any changes and you will be able to view your subscriptions results via the My Notification screen.

INBOX > LIST SUBSCRIPTIONS

Title	Subscription	Frequency	Limit Date		
Class 32	32	Daily	12 Jul 2012	Edit	Remove
Class 40-45	41, 42, 43, 44, 45	Daily		Edit	Remove
Class 4, 8, 10	4, 8, 10	Daily	31 Aug 2012	Edit	Remove

[Add subscriptions](#)

INBOX > EDIT SUBSCRIPTION

Subscription Title

Subscription Type IP Cases Nice Class Goods and Services Specification

Subscription

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Frequency

Limit Date

From: noreply-eal@iponz.govt.nz Sent: Fri 29/06/2012 1:02 a.m.
 To: Tao Martin
 Cc:
 Subject: IPONZ - Subscription Notification

You are receiving this email because you have subscribed to changes in the IP Register at the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ).

This is an automated notification (please do not respond).

There have been changes to the IPONZ register in areas that you have subscribed to, click here to view [these changes](#). You will need to use your igovt logon to log in.

You can click here to [manage or remove subscriptions](#). You will need to use your igovt logon to log in.

Regards
 Customer Services Team
 Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)

INBOX > VIEW NOTIFICATIONS

Title

Notification Date to

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Title	Notification Date		
Class 4, 8, 10	27 Jun 2012	View	Remove
Class 40-45	27 Jun 2012	View	Remove
Class 32	27 Jun 2012	View	Remove

INBOX > VIEW NOTIFICATION > CLASS 4, 8, 10 > 27 JUN 2012

39 History(s)				
Journal Section	Case Number	Description	Journal	Published
<input type="checkbox"/>	830028	Agent changed from Freehills to Greenhills		26 Jun 2012
<input type="checkbox"/>	830025	Agent changed from Freehills to Greenhills		26 Jun 2012
<input type="checkbox"/>	820581	Agent changed from Freehills to Greenhills		26 Jun 2012
<input type="checkbox"/>	785391	Agent changed from Freehills to Greenhills		26 Jun 2012
<input type="checkbox"/>	677171	Agent changed from Freehills to Greenhills		26 Jun 2012
<input type="checkbox"/>	677166	Agent changed from Freehills to Greenhills		26 Jun 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Fees Unpaid	73570	Trade Mark Expired with renewal fees unpaid	1597	26 Jun 2012
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Fees Unpaid	73569	Trade Mark Expired with renewal fees unpaid	1597	26 Jun 2012
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<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Fees Unpaid	73546	Trade Mark Expired with renewal fees unpaid	1597	26 Jun 2012

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New Ministry starts work

1 July 2012

The new Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) comes into being today (1 July 2012).

MBIE is made up of four foundation agencies – Science and Innovation, Labour, Building and Housing, and Economic Development. The new Ministry is intended to provide clear, coordinated and focussed policy leadership and efficient and effective services for business.

This website will continue to provide the same services and information you are used to finding here. You can contact us in the same way, on the same phone numbers, email and website addresses.

Find out more about the new Ministry's purpose and structure, and stay up to date with MBIE news at www.mbie.govt.nz.

New mandatory requirement for Credit Card payments to IPONZ

29 June 2012

From 1 July 2012 all clients who wish to make payments for services by credit card will be required to provide their CSV number as well as their credit card number and expiry date in order to complete the transaction.

What is the CSV and what does it look like?

For your protection, you will be required to provide an extra 3-4 digit number called the CSV.

The CSV is NOT your PIN number. It is an extra ID printed on your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express Card.

Visa, MasterCard, and Discover: On the back of the card in the top-right corner of the signature box. Enter the three-digit number following the credit card number.

American Express: On the front of the card. Enter the four-digit number on the right directly above the credit card number.

If you have any further questions please [contact us](#).

Updates to search functionality

29 June 2012

IPONZ has this week made a number of enhancements to our search functionality. In response to questions from a range of clients we are providing additional information on the details of these changes.

Searching for trade marks / designs and clients that contain macrons, accents and other non-standard alphabetic letters marks

An enhancement has been made which enables users to search trade marks / design titles and trade mark / design clients with letters that contain macrons, accents and umlaut etc.

For example: A keyword search for a trade mark / design title or trade mark / design client containing the word Māori will now return all results that contain the word Māori with and without a macron. A keyword search for a trade mark / design title containing the word Maori will return all results that contain the word Maori as well as those marks that contain Māori.

Enhanced searching of clients and owners

In addition, this enhancement has aligned the client search functionality with case title search functionality. This means you can now:

- use the following operators such as 'AND' and 'OR' when searching for a client;
- use quotation marks to search for multiple words that constitute a client; and
- search for non-standard alphabetic letters.

To search for a multiple word client or owner name you can now use an AND in between the words or use quotation marks. For example you can search by either learning AND media or "learning media" the return results will contain both words.

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The Journal

29 June 2012

The June edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site. You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The June 2012 edition – Journal 1596](#)
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Trade mark practice guideline changes

28 June 2012

Trade mark practice guidelines have been updated to include reference to the revocation of acceptance including convention priority information.

Read the updated sections of the amended guidelines:

- [Practice guideline 02b Priority of trade mark applications](#)
 - [Practice guideline 02c Acceptance and registration](#)
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Weekly Enhancements to IPONZ's New Case Management System

27 June 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective today are as follows:

Enhancement to My Case Portfolio screen

A new criteria has been added to My Case Portfolio search screen to allow you to search for your organisation's cases by the external user in charge (case contact).

My Case Portfolio is a service that you can use to search for cases that belong to your organisation. You can search by your case number; case type such as trade mark, design, assignment requests; your reference; a range of submission dates; and now you can search by your users - the case contact.

This will make it easier for you to keep track of your organisation's cases.

If you find that your cases are with a different user, you will need to contact your organisation's administrator who will be able to allocate cases from that user to you.

[Read more about administrator's options and how to assign cases to individual users.](#)

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James Dyson Award: product design competition

18 June 2012



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In partnership with the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand, the James Dyson Foundation is once again looking to put New Zealand's best emerging product designers in the limelight.

The competition is open to final year tertiary design, technology and engineering students, and recent graduates in their first five years in the workforce.

Entries close on 2 August 2012 and are filed online at: www.jamesdysonaward.org.

The New Zealand competition winner:

- receives a trip to the UK including flights, accommodation and NZD\$3,000 spending money
- visits Dyson's Malmesbury-based headquarters and tours the Research & Development Centre.
- receives NZ\$3,000 worth of legal advice from Auckland firm, Farry & Co Law
- receives an official fee prize package from IPONZ tailored to the winner's immediate intellectual property needs
- joins the D&AD Getty talentpool – an online international showcase of design talent, and
- receives a 12 month membership to the Designers Institute of New Zealand.

New Zealand competition finalists will be invited to attend an IPONZ IP workshop in Auckland.

All entries will be in the running for the International James Dyson Award. The International winner receives GBP£10,000 in prize money, a trophy, and an opportunity to visit Dyson's engineering facilities in either the UK or Malaysia. The James Dyson Foundation also gives GBP£10,000 to the International winner's current or former University department.

New PVR technical notes

Three new PVR technical notes are now available.
Read the technical notes:

- [Availability and supply of plant material](#)
- [PVRO and infringement actions](#)
- [Labelling protected varieties](#)

Weekly Enhancements to IPONZ's New Case Management System

5 June 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective 6 June are as follows:

Enhancement to the Search Client screen

A new criteria has been added to the Search Client screen under the Maintain Client service to allow you to search for clients who you are already acting for.

This will make it easier for you to search for your clients when applying on their behalf and when maintaining their client records in our system.

INBOX > SEARCH CLIENT

Search Client

Name	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
Id	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>	Post Code	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
Town	<input type="text"/>	Country	No selection
Clients linked to myself	<input type="checkbox"/> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 2px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Already Acting on Behalf </div>		

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Reminder - Consultation on changes to the Trade Marks Regulations 2003

1 June 2012

Feedback is being sought on a suite of proposed changes to the Trade Marks Regulations 2003 (the Regulations).

Amendments to the Regulations are proposed to:

- Introduce a revised fee schedule that more accurately reflects the costs of delivery of trade mark services by the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ);
- Implement the Government's decisions to accede to three international trade mark treaties – the Madrid Protocol, the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trade Marks, and the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks; and
- Make certain other changes necessary to improve IPONZ's administrative efficiency and the general operation of the Regulations.

The discussion document outlines the options that have been considered in formulating the proposals for amendments, and asks for input on the options and the impacts of the proposed amendments.

Submissions are due by 5.00pm, 8 June 2012.

[Read the discussion paper on the MED Website](#)

Weekly enhancements to IPONZ's new case management system

28 May 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective 30 May are as follows:

Enhancement to history item visibility

Some history items such as renewals and assignments will now be publicly viewable as soon as they are created. You no longer need to wait for the next Journal Publication to view these changes.

History items that relate specifically to the opposition process (eg. trade mark acceptance) will still need to be published in the Journal before they become publicly viewable.

Increase to the trade mark Request Convention Priority Claim field character limit

The trade mark convention claim field will now allow an unlimited number of characters. This will ensure that it can accept all the goods and/or services in a convention claim.

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The Journal

25 May 2012

The May edition of the Journal is now available on the site. You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The May 2012 edition – Journal 1595](#)

Weekly enhancements to IPONZ's new case management system

21 May 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective 23 May are as follows:

Enhancement to the Excel Search Results report

Further enhancement has been made to the Excel Search Result report for both trade marks and designs to include the following extra information:

Trade marks	Designs
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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| ▪ Picture of mark; | ▪ Picture of design; |
| ▪ Submission date; | ▪ Submission date; |
| ▪ Client reference; | ▪ Client reference; |
| ▪ Goods and services class(es); | ▪ Locarno class; |
| ▪ Nice Classification Schedule; | ▪ Under proceedings; |
| ▪ Goods and services; | ▪ Agent details; |
| ▪ Under proceedings; | ▪ Registration date; |

- Agent details;
- Registration date;
- Publication date; and
- Priority date.
- Publication date; and
- Priority date.

More enhancements for the search results list are to be introduced over the next few months.

Please note: Microsoft Excel has a maximum of 32,000 characters for each field which may limit the goods and services information on the report. If you require further assistance please [contact us](#). [Subscribe to our email update service](#) to keep up to date with the world of Intellectual Property and our online services.

Decisions of the Commissioner

17 May 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in April are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
797376	N-ERGY (device)	NEW BALANCE ATHLETIC SHOE INC	INTERNATIONAL STARS S.A	2012/9	5/4/2012	Class 25 Opposition
827506	MIDO	EASTERN GLOBAL TRIUMPH SDN BHD	SOCIETE DES PRODUITS NESTLE SA	2012/10	16/4/2012	Class 29 Opposition
779350	U (device)	UNDERGROUND ESPRESSO HOLDINGS LIMITED	UNION OF ORTH	2012/11	16/4/2012	Application for permission to file evidence out of time under regulations 34 and 35 of the Trade Marks Regulations 2003
825575	SAFEBOND EXTRA; SAFE BOND EXTRA series	HOLDFAST NZ LIMITED	BOSTIK NEW ZEALAND LIMITED	2012/12	30/4/2012	Classes 1 and 16 Opposition
807188	JETSTAR	N.V. SUMATRA TOBACCO TRADING COMPANY	QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED	2012/13	30/4/2012	Class 30 Opposition

Weekly enhancements to IPONZ's new case management system

14 May 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective 16 May are as follows:

Ability to search Journal by trade mark class

The Online Journal for trade marks will now include the ability to search by class. Simply enter the class number(s) e.g. 25, 39 into the field provided.

This will make it easier for you to search for marks in specific classes.

Change to My Profile screen

A label has been updated in the My Profile screen to make the functionality clearer for member users.

The "Delegate Case Contact" label has been changed to "My Cases". This more accurately reflects the functionality, namely the ability to find all the cases that you, as the member user, are responsible for.

If you are the administrator for an organisation the label will remain "Delegate Case Contact" as you have the functionality to assign cases to individual users within your organisation via the Delegate Case Contact screen.

Learn more about:

- [Administrator options](#)

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Sunday night scheduled outage extended

11 May 2012

Our website is undergoing extended scheduled maintenance on Sunday, 13 May from 6:00pm until 1:00am NZST Monday, 14 May.

Our online services will be unavailable during this time.

This outage is part of our continuous improvements to the network infrastructure.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Patent attorney exams 2012 - Paper C

7 May 2012

The syllabus for Paper C concerns Foreign patent law and practice.

Candidates will be expected to answer questions showing a knowledge of recent amendments to USA and Australia legislation, including any applicable transitional provisions.

New version of PCT-SAFE released

1 May 2012

Release of a new version of the PCT-SAFE Client software (version 3.51.054.230, dated 1 April 2012) is now available from the download page at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/download/download_client.html

This new version has an updated fees schedule, incorporating the \$30.00 plus G.S.T fee for the creation of a NZ priority document. Please note that when downloading the new version that the applications submitted in the old version of PCT-SAFE need to be backed up or the new version of PCT-SAFE saved to a different location as overwriting your current version of PCT-SAFE will delete all previously submitted applications.

The Journal

27 April 2012

The April edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
 - [The April 2012 edition – Journal 1594](#)
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Changes to filing PCT-EASY physical media

27 April 2012

For the purposes of filing PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media, the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office confirms it accepts the following PCT-EASY physical media, in addition to 3.5 inch diskettes -

- CD-R
- CD-ROM
- CD-RW

Please note - the preferred CDR type is CD-RW.

Weekly enhancements to IPONZ's new case management system

23 April 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective 25 April are as follows:

Renewal reminder

The renewal reminder discussions for trade marks and designs will now include the renewal due date.

So you can now quickly see the due date without needing to open the attached pdf document.

Ability to delegate cases by case contact

Administrator options have also been enhanced so that it is possible to search by case contact (external user in charge) on the delegate case contact screen.

This will make it easier for an administrator to determine which cases its users are handling and which cases are still assigned to the administrator (super user).

Note for agents: new cases taken on by your firm will always default to the administrator as the case contact therefore the administrator needs to delegate them to a member user via the delegate case contact screen.

Search for Proceedings case screen

The label 'IP Number' has been updated to 'Related Trade mark or Design Case' to make it clearer that you can search by entering a trade mark or design case number that the proceeding relates to as well as by the proceedings case number.

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Decisions of the Commissioner

17 April 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in March are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
817985	ICE WATCH (device)	TKS s.a.	Swatch AG (Swatch SA)(Swatch Ltd)	2012/7	19/3/2012	Class 14 Opposition
835484	QSC QUAKE SAFE CHIMNEYS and device	New Dawn International Ltd	Nick Williams	2012/8	19/3/2012	Classes 19 and 37 Application for Declaration of Invalidity

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

16 April 2012

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

To view the journal click here: [PVR Journal No. 129 published 14 April 2012](#).

Enrolment deadline for Patent Attorney Examinations – 18 April 2012

13 April 2012

Applicants wishing to sit the patent attorney exams are required to notify the Commissioner of Patents in writing and pay the prescribed fee of \$25.00 + GST per paper. Applications from candidates are to be submitted no later than Wednesday 18 April 2012.

Applications should be sent by email to mail@iponz.govt.nz

Applications should include:

- The name and postal address of the person requesting to sit the exam
- The exam that the person wishes to sit
- The fee (applicants may request to have the fee direct debited or pay by credit card)
- The organisation that the person works for
- The preferred location (Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington or Christchurch) where the applicant wishes to sit the exam

Patent Attorney Examinations will be held on Tuesday 26 June to Thursday 28 June 2012. Exam venues will be in the main city centres of New Zealand. Specific venue details will be provided closer to the time.

For more information [click here](#).

Trade mark practice guideline changes

5 April 2012

Practice guidelines have been updated to reflect changes introduced by [section 4 of the Trade Marks Amendment Act 2012](#).

Read the updated sections of the amended guidelines:

- [Practice Guideline 02a Examination of trade mark applications - 4.3 Abandonment](#)
- [Practice Guideline 10a Overcoming a citation – 7.4 Abandonment of the cited mark](#)

Commerce Minister comments on Madrid Protocol

5 April 2012

On 4 April 2012 Commerce Minister Craig Foss met with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organisation, Dr Francis Gurry where they discussed New Zealand's preparations for accession to the Madrid Protocol.

Read the full press release on the [Beehive website](#).

The Journal

30 March 2012

The March edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The March 2012 edition – Journal 1593](#)

Decisions of the Commissioner

30 March 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in February are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
808819-808824	NZMEDICS and NZLOCUMS	New Zealand Rural General Practice Network Incorporated		2012/4	1/2/2012	Classes 16, 35, and 44 Notices of Intention to Reject
814406	INGHAM	Russell Bruce Ingham	Ingham Motor Group Limited	2012/5	1/2/2012	Classes 30 and 35 Application for Declaration of Invalidity

783408	AIRWEAR	Visitec Australia Pty Ltd	Airwear International Limited	2012/6	22/2/2012	Classes 24 and 25 Opposition
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Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
525001	System for communication of health care data	Malik M Hasan	Ministry of Health, Accident Compensation Corporation, Southern Cross Medical Care Society and Telecom New Zealand Limited	2012/2	9/2/2012	S21 Opposition
566688	A fishing line hauler and method of controlling	Seahorse Equipment Limited	Brand Developers Limited	2012/3	9/2/2012	S21 Opposition
554991	Kiwifruit compositions / Nutritional compositions	Vital Food Processors Limited	The New Zealand Institute for Plant and Food Research	2012/4	9/2/2012	S21 Opposition

Weekly enhancements to IPONZ's new case management system

26 March 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective 28 March are as follows:

More search results display changes

Further changes have also been made to the display of trade mark and design search results. You can now select one, several or all search results, and then request for your selection to email to yourself either in the Excel or PDF report format.

This will make it easier for you to have your selective search results list.

Button label changes

Some buttons found in the application screens were previously labelled '**submit**' have now been relabelled to '**Continue**' to make it clear when you are still in the middle of completing your request, or when you are actually about to submit it.

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Weekly enhancements to IPONZ's new case management system

19 March 2012

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management system for designs and trade marks effective 21 March are as follows:

More search results display

Further changes have been made to the display of trade mark and design search results. You can now select 100 or 200 items to be displayed per page.

This will make it easier for you to browse a large number of search results.

Email notification changes

The subject line of the email notifications sent to case contacts will now include the:

- description of the notification;
- client reference;
- case number; and
- case contact name.

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Relative grounds: Identical or similar trade marks

16 March 2012

Practice guideline 10. Relative grounds: Identical or similar trade marks, has been updated to assist clients by including information about conflicting class searches.

See: [6. Similarity of the goods and services](#) for the changes.

Representations for designs

16 March 2012

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand would like to clarify its practice for filing designs representations as follows:

You may submit as many pictures as required to represent the design. More than one image, picture or view may be fitted on a page. Each page of representations must be submitted online as a single image file in JPEG or GIF. That is, one file per page.

Online help and guidelines have been updated accordingly. See:

- [Designs – How to apply page](#)
 - [Practice guideline – Representations for designs](#)
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Trade mark and design certificates - free

14 March 2012

IPONZ rolls out new system and there are immediate benefits for SMEs and business.

In accordance with Regulation 168 (2) of the Trade Mark Regulations 2003 and Regulation 5(2) of the Design Regulations 1953 the Commissioner for Patents, Trade Marks and Designs hereby advises that from 13 March 2012, the fee for certificates, certified copies, or extracts from the register will no longer be charged.

Case management system tips and new features

14 March 2012

Over the coming weeks we will provide regular tips and tricks about how to use the key features of the case management system for trade marks and designs. The tips are based on your feedback and are designed to enhance your online experience.

How do I find applicant details when making an application?

When you apply for an intellectual property right, either in your own right or on behalf of someone else, you must specify applicant details on the online application form.

- [Read more about how to find or add applicant details to an application...](#)

Trade mark practice guideline – Major Events Management

6 March 2012

The practice guideline on whether absolute grounds exist for refusing registration of a trade mark have been updated to reflect the Major Events Management (Volvo Ocean race Auckland Stopover) Order 2012 which came into force on the 5 March 2012.

Searching facilities for agents

5 March 2012

Following the release of IPONZ's new system a variety of feedback has been received on the search facilities provided. Reception from members of the public has been positive, with the search facilities provided closer to what they would expect from other websites or public services than was previously the case.

A number of agents have given feedback to IPONZ that the functionality in the new search system has removed features which they previously relied upon for their clearance search business. The predominant function of IPONZ's online search is to meet legislative requirements and to provide a public access search that can be used easily by all applicants whether first timers or experienced professionals.

IPONZ recognises that a number of agents are having difficulties with this transition and has decided to implement some features to help those agents. Any further changes requested will be reviewed in line with IPONZ strategy.

The following alterations, as prioritised from agent feedback, will be made over the next month:

Updates to results fields to show owner and class, by default.	13 March 2012
Re-arrange search results to have Image and Title together.	
Allow larger number of search results to be shown on the screen at one time.	20 March 2012
Allow user to limit search results exported by selecting them.	27 March 2012

In addition IPONZ is happy to provide an entire data set, and the means to update it, to any party interested in tailoring searching and search results to meet the requirements of their business.

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Insights into client administration in IPONZ's new system

2 March 2012

IPONZ's new case management system for trade marks and designs has been implemented to reduce compliance costs by focusing on reducing administration across the intellectual property process.

[Read more](#)

February Journal (1592) - supplementary information

28 February 2012

The transition to IPONZ's new case management system means that the online Journal published 24 February 2012 (Journal 1592) does not show full information for all trade marks in the Trade Mark Application Advertised section. Any trade marks accepted by IPONZ before 13 February 2012 will only show the application number in the online Journal.

Please refer to this [supplementary document to Journal 1592](#) which shows details of all trade marks advertised on 24 February 2012.

Guide to registering for trade mark and design online services

27 February 2012

The IPONZ case management system for trade marks and designs gives you access to a full suite of online services that makes managing your intellectual property (IP) quick and easy.

What can you do?

- **Apply.** Make an application and view the progress of your case from your personal electronic inbox.
- **Manage.** Send and receive correspondence electronically, keep your contact details up to date and view your proceeding cases online.
- **Renew.** Keep your trade mark or design protected by renewing.
- **Check.** Create a subscription to receive notifications of changes about specific cases, or applications in particular classes and specification.

You need to be a registered user to access most of the services. There are no joining or maintenance fees.

How do I register?

There are two steps to become a registered user:

- **Step 1:** Log on with igovt
- **Step 2:** Create an IPONZ account. To do this, you will need to tell us who you are by selecting one of the following:

Option 1	I have received an email that contains an activation code from my organisation who is an existing user of IPONZ.
Option 2	I am going to apply to register a Trade Mark and/or Design right for the first time on my own behalf.
Option 3	I am going to apply to register a Trade Mark and/or Design right for the first time on behalf of an organisation.
Option 4	My organisation or I already own Trade Mark and/or Design rights but currently we do not have access to IPONZ Online Service.

(This option also applies to agents acting for applicants/owners that do not have access to IPONZ online services.)

- [Read detailed instructions about registering for trade mark and design online services](#)
- [FAQs for Agents – How to register \[1 MB PDF\]](#)

Decisions of the Commissioner

27 February 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in January are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
805475 , 805476	SEPA, SEPA (device)	ROGER ANDREW MINSHULL	SEPA NZ LIMITED	2012/1	16-Jan-12	Class 42 Oppositions
806147	KIWISOLES	CANDICE PANKHURST	SARAMAR LLC	2012/2	16-Jan-12	Class 25 Opposition
782886	Representation only	SANYANG INDUSTRY CO. LTD	THE NORTH FACE APPAREL CORP	2012/3	26-Jan-12	Class 25 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
526240	Material and method for treatment of timber	KOPPERS ARCH WOOD PROTECTION (AUST) PTY LIMITED	OSMOSE NEW ZEALAND AND TIMTECH CHEMICALS LIMITED	[2012] NZIPOPAT 1	9-Jan-12	S21 Opposition

The Journal

24 February 2012

The February edition of the Journal is now available.

Changes to the trade mark and design journal information

With the release of the case management system for trade marks and designs, the Intellectual Property Office of NZ (IPONZ) is making changes to the trade marks and designs journal.

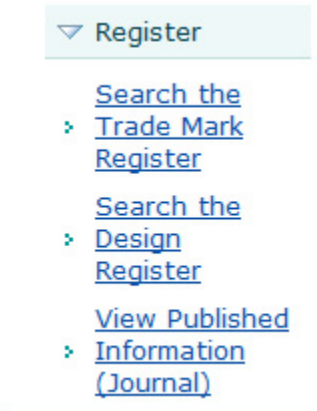
From February 2012, trade mark and design journal information is completely online.

What do the changes look like?

When you select either the trade mark or designs section you will be taken to the new **Search Publications** form.

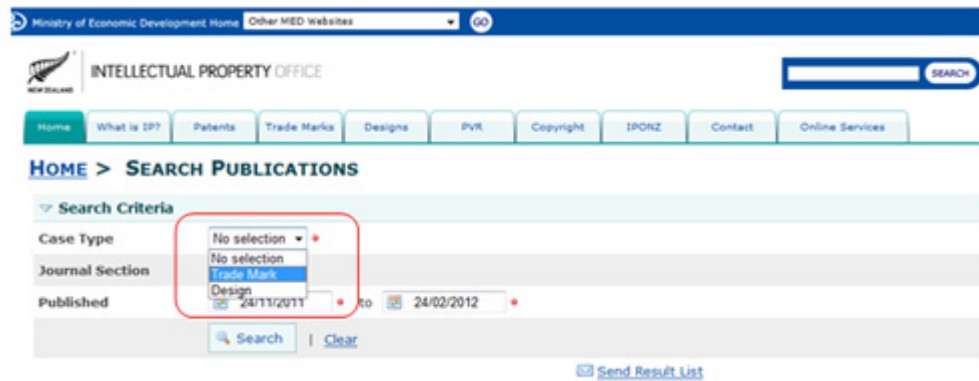


You can also navigate to the journal from the left hand menu bar when logged in.



To search the journal:

1. In the **Case Type** field, select the type of case you would like to search.



2. Select the **Journal Section** from the drop down list.

The screenshot shows the Intellectual Property Office search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Ministry of Economic Development Home' and 'Other MED Websites'. Below this is the 'INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE' logo and a search bar. A menu bar contains links for 'Home', 'What is IP?', 'Patents', 'Trade Marks', 'Designs', 'PVR', 'Copyright', 'IPONZ', 'Contact', and 'Online Services'. The main heading is 'HOME > SEARCH PUBLICATIONS'. Under 'Search Criteria', 'Case Type' is set to 'Trade Mark'. The 'Journal Section' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'No selection', 'No selection', 'Renewal Fees Unpaid', 'TM Abandoned', 'TM Altered', 'TM Application Advertised', 'TM Application Amended', 'TM Assignment', 'TM Cancellation of Entry in Register', 'TM Change of Memorandum', 'TM Correction of Error', 'TM Registered', 'TM Renewed', 'TM Restored', and 'TM Strike Out Goods'. The 'Published' field is partially visible with '2012' and a red asterisk. A 'Send Result List' button is also present.

3. Enter the journal publication date range in the **Published** fields, then select **Search**.

All the information for that category advertised in the period selected will be displayed on screen.

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

SEARCH

Home What is IP? Patents Trade Marks Designs PVR Copyright IPONE Contact Online Services

HOME > SEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Search Criteria

Case Type: Trade Mark

Journal Section: TM Application Advertised

Published: 15/02/2012 to 27/02/2012

Search Clear

1507 History(s)

Journal Section	Case Number	Description	Journal	Published
TM Application Advertised	855469	<p>carrylok™</p> <p>The mark is being used or proposed to be used, by the applicant or with his/her consent, in relation to the goods/services</p> <p>(210) 855469</p> <p>(220) 24 Jan 2012</p> <p>1592 24 Feb 2012</p> <p>16: Packaging materials of plastics; coated printing paper; coated paper for printing; graphic prints; printed forms; printed matter for advertising purposes; coated plastics films for use in printers; printed packaging materials of plastic. 17: Plastics sheets for use in transfer printing; sheets of printable synthetic material; printable plastic sheets; sheets of printable polypropylene.</p> <p>(730) Liane Leeming, PO Box 25784, St Helens, Auckland 1740, NZ</p> <p>(740) Liane Leeming, 7 Riddell Rd, Glendowie, Auckland 1071, NZ</p> <p>(750) Liane Leeming, 7 Riddell Rd, Glendowie, Auckland 1071, NZ</p>	1592	24 Feb 2012

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Search Criteria

Case Type: Trade Mark

Journal Section: No selection

Published: 24/02/2012 to 24/02/2012

Search Clear

2000 History(s)

Journal Section	Case Number	Description	Journal	Published
TM Application Advertised	855628	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	888798	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854855	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854851	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854854	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854060	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854067	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854068	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854066	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854061	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854065	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854048	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854041	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	888775	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854939	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012
TM Application Advertised	854939	Application Accepted	1592	24 Feb 2012

4. If you would like an excel list of these results. Select **Send Results List** and complete the fields then **Continue**. The PDF result will give an alternative more detailed extract of all information on each IP.

Result: Your report will be delivered.

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TM Renewed	211417	Renewed by Minter Ellison Rudd Watts	1592		24 Feb 2012
TM Renewed	211416	Renewed by Minter Ellison Rudd Watts	1592		24 Feb 2012
TM Renewed	211201	Renew	1592		24 Feb 2012
TM Renewed	211041	Renewed by HENRY HUGHES	1592		24 Feb 2012
TM Renewed	211420	Renewed by Minter Ellison Rudd Watts	1592		24 Feb 2012

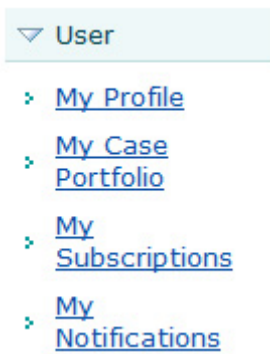
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Send Result List

Subscriptions

For a more active monitoring of the register, the IPONZ system allows users to request notifications of any changes. Select My Subscriptions from the left hand navigation bar once you have logged in. You can subscribe to changes for specific cases, or trade marks that cover specific goods and services.



View the journal:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The February 2012 edition – Journal 1592](#)

Welcome to IPONZ's case management system for trade marks and designs

13 February 2012

IPONZ is delighted to introduce you to our new case management system for trade marks and designs today.

The new system is an intuitive, easy-to-use web interface where you can search, apply and manage all of your trade mark and design cases online.

The new system has been implemented in line with Government's stated goals for modern public services to reduce compliance costs and aim to build a stronger and more competitive New Zealand economy.

The new system also utilises cross-Government linkages such as:

1. The Department of Internal Affairs, [igovt logon service](#). With this service you will be able to use the same logon to access all [participating New Zealand government agencies](#), such as the New Zealand Companies Office, Financial Service Providers Register, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand Police, and the New Zealand Transport Agency. If you already have an igovt logon, you can utilise this same logon to use IPONZ's online system for trade marks and designs.
2. The New Zealand Companies Office, searching service. When you set up your account on behalf of an organisation you will have an option to select to check for registered companies. The system will present the details such as Company Number and addresses.
3. The New Zealand Post, Address Verification service (PAF). When you maintain your address details the system will check the addresses used to ensure they match an address recorded on the NZ Post database. If the address you want to enter is not yet included in that database you will have the option of entering it manually.

Some of the key features of the system are:

- You will receive all correspondence electronically - no more paper.
- You can manage your IP applications from your personal IPONZ inbox – a central point.
- You can update and maintain your own contact details.
- You can view progress of your case/s online.

- You can create your own subscription to receive notifications of changes about specific cases or class and specification.
- You can manage and view your proceeding cases online.

What do you need to know?

A new Online Services tab has been introduced to replace the current Login and Register buttons in the right hand corner of the IPONZ website. You can access various online services from the IPONZ homepage.



1. You need to be a registered user to access most of the IPONZ online services. There are no joining or maintenance fees. **Note** – the IPONZ's online system for trade marks and designs is separate to the online system for patents. You will need to register to become a user for each system to be able to access the online services for all IP types.

Read more about [how to register for online services](#).

2. The new online system for trade marks and designs gives you full control of your account details. This means you can update and maintain your account details yourself. Simply go to **My Profile** from the left hand menu in your Inbox to maintain your details.

Read more here on how to maintain your login for trade mark and design online services.

3. Each account for the new online system for trade marks and designs has one administrator. An account can have multiple users. The administrator can:
 - create new users;
 - manage other users' details;
 - access all tasks, and discussions; and
 - assign cases to individual users within your organisation.

[Read more about an administrator's options for trade mark and design online services](#).

4. Once you have logged into our new system you will go straight to your personal IPONZ inbox. This will give you fast access to your cases and will be the central point from which you can manage your IP Applications.

[Read more about how to use your inbox](#).

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Practice guideline changes

13 February 2012

With the introduction of our new case management system for trade marks and designs many practice guidelines and notes have been updated to reflect the new system features.

To see the most recent guidelines and notes, please select a link below:

- [Trade mark practice guidelines](#)
- [Design practice guidelines](#)
- [Changes to direct debit arrangements](#)

For more information about our new online services please see:

- [Trade mark and design online services overview](#)
 - [Maintaining a trade mark](#)
 - [Maintaining a design](#)
 - [Proceedings in our case management system](#)
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Changes to direct debit arrangements

13 February 2012

With the release of the new case management system for Trade marks and Designs the Intellectual Property Office of NZ (IPONZ) is making changes to the types of payments methods it will accept for Trade marks and Designs.

From the 13th of Feb 2012 the office will no longer accept Direct Debit as a method of payment for Trade mark and Design transactions received via paper, email or fax. You will of course be able to use direct debit as a payment method for Trade marks and Designs when performing these transactions online.

This change will not affect the direct debit arrangements in place for Plant Variety Rights, PCT International or Patents.

Reminder – online services outage

9 February 2012

All online services are shut down from 7pm Thursday 9 February 2012 to the morning of Monday 13 February 2012.

The outage is in preparation for the roll out of the new IPONZ case management system for trade marks and designs going live the following Monday 13 February 2012.

For more information see the following:

- [During the closed day – Friday 10 February 2012](#)
 - [Get ready for the new case management system](#)
 - [Patent Office declared closed on Friday 10 February 2012](#)
 - [IPONZ new case management system](#)
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During the closed day - Friday 10 February 2012

3 February 2012

The Patent Office is declared closed on Friday 10 February 2012 in preparation for its new case management system for trade marks and designs going live the following Monday 13 February 2012.

During the closed day you will be able to use the following services on the IPONZ website:

- Read IPONZ website articles and content
- Search for IPONZ website content
- Search for Plant Variety Rights

The following IPONZ Online Services will not be available:

- Search for trade marks, designs and patents
- Search for the Online Journal
- Request for public information
- Apply for Search and Preliminary Advice, trade mark, design and patent rights
- Submit correspondence for trade mark, design and patent applications
- Renew trade mark, design and patent rights

As the Office is closed, no filings will be accepted by any other method. The office will be open for receipt of filings in normal business hours on Monday 13 February.

If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on this closed day, then the application or document can be filed on the next day when IPONZ is open, and will be deemed to have been filed in time. Read more on [closed day notice](#).

Read more here on [how to prepare for IPONZ's new case management System](#).

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Get ready for IPONZ's new case management system

2 February 2012

The new case management system for trade marks and designs is due for release on Monday 13th February 2012. Here are some important points you need to know so you're ready.

What will happen before the change?

- All online services will be shut down from 7pm Thursday 9 February 2012 to the morning of Monday 13 February 2012
- The Patent Office is declared closed on Friday 10 February 2012. If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on the closed day, then the application or document can be filed on the next day when IPONZ is open, and will be deemed to have been filed in time. Read the [closed day notice](#) for more information.

What do you need to do?

1. You must submit all trade mark and design applications before 5.00 pm Thursday 9 February 2012. Applications that have not been submitted will not be transferred. If you have saved applications that you do not submit by this time, you will need to re-enter the information in the new system.
2. Existing IPONZ trade mark and design users:
 - If your account administrator and users completed the pre-registration process you don't need to do anything. Users will be able to login to the new system with their new login details. .

- If you missed the pre-registration window you will still be able to register with us in the new system. On 13 February 2012, we will send your account administrator an email detailing the process. Once your administrator registers, an email will be issued to other users within the organisation to activate their accounts.
3. If you're new to IPONZ you will be able to register to become a new user after 13 February 2012.

How does this affect Patents?

- As noted, the Patent Office is declared closed on Friday 10 February 2012.
- The patent online services will not be available from 7pm Thursday 9 February 2012 to the morning of Monday 13 February 2012.
- No other changes affect patents, including your existing User ID for online services. You will need to continue using your user-id for patent online services until the patent implementation is rolled out. We will communicate when changes will happen in due course.

Want to know more?

For more information about our new case management system [click here](#). If you require further assistance please [contact us](#).

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Change to scheduled maintenance outage

2 February 2012

The Intellectual Property Office website is undergoing scheduled maintenance on Waitangi Day, Monday 6 February. This is a change from the regular Sunday evening outage window.

As a result, our online services will be unavailable from 7:00pm NZST until 11:00pm NZST, Monday 6 February. The website will remain accessible.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Closed for Waitangi Day – Monday 6 February 2012

1 February 2012

We will be closed on Monday 6 February 2012. Our website will be available during this period.

Applications and documents filed on Monday 6 February 2012 will receive a filing date of 7 February 2012. If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on 6 February 2012, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed by 7 February 2012.

Please note - If information about a design or an invention for which an application is to be made is published prior to the official filing date it may invalidate the registration or patent. If a design or patent application is submitted online on an official closed day, such as on a weekend or Waitangi Day it would be prudent to wait until the next open day before publishing details of the design or invention.

Decisions of the Commissioner

30 January 2012

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in December are now available online. Select the links to see the decisions.

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
534401	Mobile animal feeder	Ross Gordon McInnes	Stallion Plastics Limited	2011/19	2-Dec-11	Application for extension of time under regulation 168.
554315	Material and method for treatment of timber	Lattec I/S	Sensortec Limited	2011/20	23-Dec-11	S21 Opposition

The Journal

27 January 2012

The January edition of the Journal has now been posted on the site.

You have two options to access this:

- [Online Journal](#)
- [The January 2012 edition – Journal 1591](#)

Pre-register for our new case management system

18 January 2012

The new case management system for trade marks and designs, due for release on 13 February 2012, introduces a new account logon for trade mark and design services.

IPONZ has established a pre-registration period for current users which provides an opportunity to create a logon and link to existing records that have been migrated to the new system. Pre-registration will reduce any administrative delays in processing transactions and ensure a smooth transition.

The pre-registration period ends on **31 January 2012**. We strongly encourage you to pre-register now so you are ready to start using our new system.

How do I pre-register?

To pre-register you must have:

1. An igovt logon

The igovt logon service is a government-run service that allows you to use the same logon to access all [participating New Zealand government agencies](#), such as Companies Office, Financial Service Providers Register, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand Police, and New Zealand Transport Agency.

If you already have an igovt logon, you can utilise this same logon with the IPONZ website when pre-registering.

To learn more about igovt see [igovt logon service](#).

2. Received a pre-registration email from us.

The current administrator for your organisation's account will receive an email detailing the process prior to receiving the pre-registration email notification. Once the administrator pre-registers, an email will be issued to other users within the organisation to activate their accounts.

If you have not already pre-registered, you should have received another reminder email from us on 11 January 2012. The last reminder is planned for distribution after 24 January 2012.

If you haven't received your pre-registration email then please [contact us](#).

Can I start using the new system before 13 February 2012?

No – pre-registration only provides for account logon so you cannot start using the new system until it goes live on 13 February 2012.

Will I still need my old logon for patent online services?

Yes - you will need to continue using your existing nine digit user-id for patent online services until the patent implementation is rolled out in mid-2012. The new logon only replaces your existing 9 digit user ID for trade marks and designs.

Is the new IPONZ account structure for trade marks and designs different?

Yes – there are two key differences.

Firstly, each new account can only have one administrator. The administrator's email address will serve as the main email address for your organisation. The administrator can:

- manage other users' details, especially during the pre-registration period by sending out activation codes;
- access all tasks, and discussions;
- assign case(s) to individual users within your organisation; and
- manage payments for the account.

Secondly, the branch structure has been removed. Our current system has a three tier account structure:

1. organisation,
2. branch (offices); and
3. individual users.

The new system simplifies this to a two-tier structure by removing branches. This allows us to improve the functionality between an organisation and its users. We have migrated all users to the organisation level for the new system.

For more information about our new case management system [click here](#). If you require further assistance please [contact us](#).

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The Plant Variety Rights Journal

17 January 2012

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

To view the journal click here: [PVR Journal No. 128 published 14 January 2012](#).