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International Patent Classification 2014

20 December 2013

The International Patent Classification (IPC) version 2014.01 comes into force on 1 January 2014.

IPONZ examiners will use the new version for classifying applications accepted and published in the Journal from January 2014 onwards.

Searching published patents

Patents applied for prior to 20 December 2013 are not automatically reclassified and may retain retired IPC symbols or may not include new symbols. 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.

Useful links

- [Information about the IPC](#)
- [IPONZ patent classification](#)

The Journal

20 December 2013

The December edition of the Journal is now available.

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- [General Information](#)
- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations](#)

Decisions of the Commissioner

18 December 2013

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
61057 and 61058	BABCOCK	BABCOCK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	BABCOCK & WILCOX POWER GENERATION GROUP, INC	2013/35	05/11/2013	Classes 7 and 11 Applications for revocation on grounds of non-use
61057 and 61058	BABCOCK	BABCOCK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	TLT-BABCOCK, INC	2013/36	05/11/2013	Classes 7 and 11 Applications for revocation on grounds of non-use
847834 and 848668	LIQUID NAILS and LIQUID NAILS DIRECTSTIK	DULUXGROUP (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	HOLDFAST NZ LIMITED	2013/37	05/11/2013	Class 1 Oppositions
824009	PRAWN TWISTER	SHORE MARINER LIMITED	UNITED FISHERIES LIMITED	2013/38	05/11/2013	Classes 29 and 30 Opposition
846653	KORU	HANGZHOU KORU TRADING CO LIMITED	KORA ORGANICS BY MIRANDA KERR PTY LIMITED	2013/39	06/11/2013	Class 3 Opposition
825351	MOSHI	REDROKS INTERNATIONAL IP	MIND CANDY LIMITED	2013/40	06/11/2013	Class 9 Opposition

PTY LIMITED

834691	HAGERTY	W.J. HAGERTY & SONS, Ltd, INC	HAGERTY TRUST REG	2013/41	06/11/2013	Classes 3,18,20,21 and 22 Opposition
850503	METALPLEX	AKZO NOBEL COATINGS INTERNATIONAL B.V.	HOLDFAST NZ LIMITED	2013/42	11/11/2013	Class 2 Opposition
261476	CAPEZIO	NUMBER 1 SHOES LIMITED	BALLET MAKERS, INC	2013/43	12/11/2013	Class 25 Application for revocation on grounds of non-use
758053 , 758054 , 797460 , 800712 , 800711	ANCHOR & ANCHOR (devices)	ANCHOR FOODS PTY LIMITED	NEW ZEALAND MILK BRANDS LIMITED	2013/44	13/11/2013	Interlocutory on extension of time request
95534	52 device	ALDI FOODS PTY LTD	GIORGIO ARMANI S.P.A., MILAN, SWISS BRANCH MENDRISIO	2013/45	18/11/2013	Classes 9 and 25 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
594430	Interactive Marketing System	ZYZEBA HOLDINGS LIMITED		2013/28	11/11/2013	Objections to acceptance of the complete specification
598529	USE OF DHA, EPA OR DHA-DERIVED EPA FOR TREATING A PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATED WITH CELLULAR OXIDATIVE DAMAGE	BRUDY TECHNOLOGY, S.L.		2013/29	12/11/2013	Objections to acceptance of the complete specification

Feedback sought on new patent regulations and fees

11 December 2013

IPONZ is seeking feedback on proposed regulations and fees for the Patents Act 2013, including:

- Fees payable for various services, requests and processes;
- Timeframes and procedures for submitting requests for examinations and re-examinations, third-party assertions and responding to reports issued by the Commissioner;
- Mandating online communication with the Commissioner of Patents;
- New powers for the Commissioner of Patents to control proceedings under the Act; and
- New requirements relating to an address for service.

Although some parts of the Act are already in force, the Patents Act 2013 will commence fully on **13 September 2014**.

[Read the Patent Act 2013 Proposed Regulations](#)

Submissions close on 24th January 2014

Written submissions can be lodged via email to patentsubmissions@mbie.govt.nz or posted to:

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[Read the Ministerial announcement](#)

Keep up to date on the implementation of the Patent Act 2013 on the [IPONZ Website](#).

Amendment to the Flags, Emblems, and Names Protection Act 1981

10 December 2013

On 4 December 2013 an amendment to the Flags, Emblems, and Names Protection Act 1981 came into force protecting against the unauthorised use of words or emblems relating to the 28th Māori Battalion.

Namely:

- 28th Māori Battalion
- 28 Māori Battalion
- Māori Battalion
- 28th Māori Battalion Association
- 28th Māori Battalion (NZ) Association Incorporated
- Te Ope Hōia Māori 28
- Te Ope Taua Māori 28
- Te Hokowhitu Māori 28

The Commissioner shall not register a Trade Mark or Design which includes representations of the 28th Māori Battalion.

Read the updated section of the guidelines and to view the protected emblems: [Practice Guideline 04. Absolute ground general](#)

IPONZ Holiday Hours

2 December 2013

The IPONZ physical office will close for business at 5:00pm Tuesday 24th December 2013 and reopen 8:30am Friday 3rd January 2014.

Our website www.iponz.govt.nz will remain available throughout this period.

Please note the following important considerations:

- If the deadline for filing an application or document falls within the period from 25th December 2013 to 3rd January 2014, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed on, or before 3rd January 2014.
- As a general rule, if a patent or design application is submitted online on an official closed day, such as on a weekend, or over the Christmas-New Year period, the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date, which will be later than the date of online submission. If an invention or design is disclosed before the official filing date, then the patent or design may be invalid if granted or registered.

- For trade marks it is now mandatory to communicate with IPONZ using our online case management facility. Communications received outside the case management facility will not be considered valid unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Online applications will:

- Receive a filing date of 24th December 2013 if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDST on 24th December 2013.
- Receive an official filing date of 3rd January 2014 if they are submitted between 25th December 2013 and 3rd January 2014.

We wish you a safe holiday and a prosperous New Year.

The Journal

29 November 2013

The November edition of the Journal is now available.

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PVR Technical Notes and Guidelines update

27 November 2013

Information on the arrangement of DUS testing is now available on the IPONZ website. The arrangement for DUS testing and the organisation of growing trials differ depending on the plant genera of species concerned. The guideline outlines the five arrangements currently in use.

View the guideline [Arrangements for growing trials for the testing of distinctness, uniformity and stability](#).

New IPONZ website page - Patents Act 2013

14 November 2013

IPONZ has created a new website page to provide you with all information you need to know about the Patents Act 2013. The website landing page will for example, include information and articles on:

- Implementation of the Patents Act 2013
- A timetable for development timeline for new patent regulations
- News

The website landing page will be updated regularly and can be found under the 'Patents' tab located on the IPONZ home page.

- View the [Patents Act 2013 page](#)
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Decisions of the Commissioner

13 November 2013

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
852105, 852107, 852111, 852112, 852114, 852115	NPA5+ NON PEROXIDE ACTIVITY NPA 5+ (device), NPA10+ NON PEROXIDE ACTIVITY NPA 10+ (device), NPA15+ NON PEROXIDE ACTIVITY NPA 15+ (device), NPA20+ NON PEROXIDE ACTIVITY NPA 20+ (device), TOTAL ACTIVITY PERCENT TAP 15+ (device), TOTAL ACTIVITY TAP 20+ PERCENT (device)	HENRY SOO LEE	UMF HONEY ASSOCIATION, INC	2013/34	11/10/2013	Class 30 Opposition

Updates to PVR

7 November 2013

PVR Journal Section Numbering

Based on your feedback IPONZ have updated the numbering of the PVR Journal section in accordance with UPOV guidelines.

Read more about the [New Zealand plant and variety rights journal](#) layout and section.

New PVR Technical Questionnaires

New PVR technical questionnaires are now available in editable format on the IPONZ [website](#).

The technical questionnaire for Blueberry (Vaccinium) has been revised and replaced.

The technical questionnaire for each of the following genera has been added.

- Cosmos
- Blackberry
- Raspberry
- Avocado
- Dianthus (Carnation, Pinks, Sweet William)
- Dianella (Flax Lily)

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IPONZ Madrid Protocol application form updated

7 November 2013

IPONZ has made some changes to its international application form for the Madrid Protocol. These changes will make the form easier for you to submit.

Legal Nature and State and Territorial Unit information is required by some contracting countries to the Madrid Protocol, notably the United States. If the applicant is recorded in the IPONZ case management facility as a New Zealand Company, IPONZ has prepopulated wording into these fields for you. In addition, information regarding an entitlement address is automatically selected for the applicant from their client details.

You need to check the client type is set correctly. Where client type is not a person (e.g. a company) the Legal nature and State and Territorial Unit must also be entered as it is required by some designated countries. Press Edit to update the applicant information. [Click here for more information](#)

Id	Name	Address(es)	Entitlement to file	Legal Nature	State and Territorial Unit	Type
			Applicant has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in New Zealand	Limited liability company	New Zealand	New Zealand Company Edit

Show / Hide columns

It is important that you check that this information is correct before submitting your application. You may edit or alter your information. If you need to edit or alter this detail see more information on [how to prepare page](#).

The changes to the international application form will reduce errors applicants receive when trying to submit their application. It will also allow IPONZ to immediately certify and transmit to WIPO more international applications.

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Warning: Unsolicited IP Services

7 November 2013

IPONZ has noticed an increasing amount of unsolicited or fraudulent IP protection, promotion or advertising services being offered to IP holders.

If you receive any communication about your IP case from anyone other than:

1. IPONZ
2. WIPO
3. Your appointed IP professional

you should treat them with caution. Particularly if they are preparing to charge you a fee for the service.

Types of requests

If you have applied in New Zealand for or own a registered trade mark, patent, design or PVR, you may also find yourself the target of letters offering to protect your rights overseas. Letters from unfamiliar organisations, especially letters requesting payment for unsolicited services, should be treated with caution.

Often these companies try to create the false impression that they represent an official organisation.

Examples include:

- offers and invoices to renew your patent or trade mark
- offers to register patents or trade marks in international registers or catalogues
- invoices for registration of patents or trade marks in registers
- offers of patent or trade mark monitoring services

[Example of unsolicited renewal request \[40 KB PDF\]](#)

A list of unsolicited or fraudulent IP related schemes and information from around the world including other IP offices can be found on the [World Intellectual Property Organization](#) website.

Get professional advice

If you have any doubts about a communication you have received, you should contact IPONZ or your IP professional to verify its authenticity.

Do you think you have been scammed?

The New Zealand Ministry of Consumer Affairs provides information to consumers and businesses on their website scamwatch.govt.nz to help you recognise, avoid and report scams.

Update to Patent Practice Guideline

5 November 2013

The Patent practice guideline for Declaration of Inventorship requirements has been updated. The updates to the practice guidelines have been made to reflect the new online facility.

Read the updated section of the guidelines:

- [Practice guideline 1.3 Declaration as to inventorship requirements for patent applications.](#)
- View the [superseded practice guideline section.](#)

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Trade mark practice guideline changes

31 October 2013

The Trade Mark practice guideline for Continued Processing has been updated. The changes clarify the Office's policy on the coexistence of identical or similar marks due to continued processing. The Office will not revoke acceptance on a trade mark where identical or similar marks coexist on the register due to continued processing. It will be up to the individual trade mark owner to bring proceedings to enforce their priority.

- Read the updated section of the guidelines: [Practice Guideline 25. Extension of time requests](#)
- View exactly what has been changed in the [historic practice guideline section.](#)

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The Journal

25 October 2013

The October edition of the Journal is now available.

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Single trans-Tasman patent application approved

23 October 2013

Commerce Minister, Craig Foss, has today announced Government approval to implement a single application process and single examination process for New Zealand and Australian patent applications.

The single trans-Tasman application and examination processes for patents, along with the passing of the Patents Bill, are part of the Government's Business Growth Agenda initiatives to encourage and support innovative industries.

Read more about the [initiatives](#)

Read the Minister's [press release](#)

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Nice Agreement now in force in New Zealand

16 October 2013

Today the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks ("the Nice Agreement") entered into force in New Zealand.

Joining the Nice Agreement follows the conclusion of voluntary and mandatory conversion of old 3rd schedule trade mark registrations which have been converted to the Nice classification. All trade marks on the register are classified according to the Nice classification.

New Zealand has used the Nice classification for over 60 years, so trade mark users in New Zealand are very familiar with the Nice classification system. However by acceding to the Nice Agreement, New Zealand now has the opportunity to contribute to the further development of the Nice classification system to ensure that it best meets the needs of New Zealand businesses.

Last updated 27 January 2015

Decisions of the Commissioner

7 October 2013

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
835272	BERRY FOREST	J H WHITTAKER & SONS LIMITED	CADBURY UK LIMITED	2013/30	2/09/2013	Class 30 Opposition
955246	SHAVE CLUB	UNITED APPLICATIONS, INC.	DOLLAR SHAVE CLUB, INC.	2013/31	10/09/2013	Class 8 Application for declaration of invalidity

669300	CARLTON	CARLTON HIRE GROUP LIMITED	THE RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL COMPANY LLC	2013/32	23/09/2013	Class 43 Application for revocation on grounds of non-use
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Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
548051	Text messaging marketing method and apparatus	RED LOCO LIMITED	TELECOM NEW ZEALAND LIMITED	2013/19	3/09/2013	Section 21 Opposition (in the public interest)
585375	Detection and treatment method	KEITH LINDSAY MACMILLAN	AGRESEARCH LIMITED and LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION LIMITED	2013/20	3/09/2013	Section 21 Opposition (in the public interest)
541269	Veterinary compositions for treating mastitis	ZOETIS LLC	MERIAL LTD	2013/21	17/09/2013	Section 21 Opposition
576358	Method and apparatus for controlling a waterjet-driven marine vessel	ROBERT A MORVILLO	CWF HAMILTON & CO LIMITED	2013/22	17/09/2013	Section 42 Application for revocation (in the public interest)
567793	Food waste disposal unit	JOHNSON ELECTRIC S.A.	EMERSON ELECTRIC CO	2013/23	17/09/2013	Section 21 Opposition - admissibility of the Opponent's evidence in reply

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NZIPA Public Seminar – 24 October 2013

4 October 2013



The New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc invites you to hear Cecilia Robinson, Managing Director and founder of Au Pair Link and Managing Director of My Food Bag.

Cecilia has a background in recruitment and has been an Au Pair herself in the United States. Since Au Pair Link's humble beginnings in 2006 Cecilia has watched Au Pair Link grow from a small New Zealand enterprise - to a company which has become internationally recognised and accredited with over 40 full time staff.

Au Pair Link became licensed by the New Zealand Ministry of Education as a Home Based Early Childhood Education provider in April 2009 and now has international business partnerships in over 10 countries.

Cecilia and Au Pair Link have been finalists or winners in several awards -most recently winning the EY 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2013' and 'HER Businesswoman 2012'. Au Pair Link also featured 12th on the Deloitte 'Fastest Growing 50'.

My Food Bag was born out of the idea that healthy and delicious food can also be convenient and exciting. With a goal to bring inspiring, nutritionally-balanced tasty recipes and the best of New Zealand seasonal produce together to your door, My Food Bag makes cooking fun!

Cecilia will talk about creating and growing a new business and creating and protecting a strong brand for that business. Come to hear tips, tricks and lessons learnt from a successful serial entrepreneur.

Date: 24 October 2013

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Presentation will commence at 6pm.
Food and refreshments will be provided.

Venue: At **Mercure Hotel**, Rangitoto Room
8 Customs Street East, Auckland.

There is no charge to attend but you do need to RSVP to secretary@nzipa.org.nz by 16 October 2013.

Last updated 27 January 2015

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

1 October 2013

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

Choose from the links below to view the sections of the Journal.

- [General information](#)
- [Plant variety right applications and registrations](#)

Last updated 27 January 2015

The Journal

27 September 2013

The September edition of the Journal is now available.

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

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Trade Mark Practice Guideline Update

26 September 2013

IPONZ has updated the trade mark practice guidelines and maintain a trade mark information to explain how a trade mark registration can be partially renewed.

Trade mark owners wanting to partially renew their trade marks will have two options: either alter their registered or expired but restorable trade mark by striking out classes of goods and services, or dividing their registered trade mark.

- Alteration - If the owner of the trade mark is certain they only wish to renew in a certain class or classes they should strike out the class or classes they do not wish to renew. The struck out class or classes will immediately cancel.
- Divisional - If the owner of the trade mark is uncertain which class they wish to renew they should divide the registration. The classes which they are uncertain if they wish to renew should be divided out into a separate trade mark registration. This would allow these classes to remain at expired but restorable status until the end of the one year period.

The request to alter or divide a trade mark can take up to 15 working days to be processed. Therefore, requests to alter or divide a trade mark should be made in advance of the renewal date of the trade mark registration.

Read the updated section of the guidelines: [Practice Guideline 19. Renewal and restoration](#).

View exactly what has been changed in the [historic practice guideline section](#).

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Patents Act 2013

20 September 2013

The Patents Bill 2008 received Royal assent on 13 September 2013, and the law will be referred to as the Patents Act 2013 (the 'Act').

Royal assent brings two main sets of provisions of the Act into force at different times. The first set of provisions came into force the day following Royal assent and include:

- appointment of an office and place for the purpose of communications to and from the public on matters arising under the Act, the office is named the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ);
- the power to appoint a Maori Advisory Committee;
- appointment of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of patents; and
- the regulation-making powers of the Act.

The second set of provisions state that the remainder of the Act will be brought into force one year from Royal assent (or earlier by Order in Council from the Governor General).

For a summary of how the Act will change the patents legislative regime in New Zealand, see [IPONZ latest news](#).

A consultation timetable for regulations will be announced in due course.

To read the Act, see [New Zealand Legislation website](#).

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Decisions of the Commissioner

4 September 2013

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
795621	ASCENDRA	EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION	MEDTRONIC, INC	2013/27	1/08/2013	Class 10 Application for revocation on grounds of non-use
833370	SWEET SENSATION	TURNERS & GROWERS LIMITED	J S EWERS LIMITED	2013/28	14/08/2013	Class 31 Application for declaration of invalidity
761744	NALLI (device)	Nalli Kuppuswami Chetty and Nalli Kuppuswami Ramanathan trading in partnership as NALLI CHINNASAMI CHETTY	SHRI NALLIS SAMBBASIVAM	2013/29	27/08/2013	Class 14 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
552452	An echinacea formulation	MEDIHERB HOLDINGS LTD	PHYTOMED MEDICINAL HERBS LIMITED	2013/16	16/08/2013	Section 21 Opposition (in the

			OPTIMAL RX PTY LTD			public interest)
			ETHICAL EXTRACTS LTD			
			ISLA BURGESS			
569765	Method related to gestation periods	PACIFIC BIOTECH PTY LTD	LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION LIMITED	2013/17	16/08/2013	Section 21 Opposition (in the public interest)
582391 , 586268 , and 594430	Interactive Marketing System	Zyzeba Holdings Limited		2013/18	16/08/2013	Objections to acceptance of the complete specification

The Journal

30 August 2013

The August edition of the Journal is now available.

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Last updated 27 January 2015

Patents Bill

29 August 2013

The Patents Bill 2008 received its third reading in Parliament on 28 August 2013.

Once it is enacted, the Patents Bill will replace the Patents Act 1953 and provide a modern patent system in New Zealand.

The new legislation strengthens the criteria for granting a patent to ensure that patents are granted for genuine innovations that are a "manner of manufacture" and are novel, non-obvious and useful. It will go some way towards addressing Māori concerns relating to the granting of patents for inventions derived from indigenous plants and animals or from Māori traditional knowledge. There will be a Māori advisory committee to advise the Commissioner of Patents.

A number of exclusions are included in the new legislation:

- An invention is not patentable if the commercial exploitation of the invention is contrary to "public order" or morality.
- Computer programs as such.
- Plant varieties.
- Human beings and biological processes for their generation.
- Inventions of methods of treatment of human beings by surgery or therapy.
- Inventions of methods of diagnosis practised on human beings.

Passage of the Patents Bill is important for New Zealand businesses as a stricter patent regime will inhibit the grant of overly broad patents. New Zealand, as a net importer of technology, faces increased costs and difficulty in implementing or adapting technologies covered by overly broad patents.

Alignment of the New Zealand patent legislation with that of our major trading partners will provide New Zealand businesses with a more robust footing to approach obtaining patent protection in other countries.

IPONZ will announce an enactment date for the Bill and a consultation timetable for the regulations in due course.

[Read the Minister's press statement](#)

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27 August 2013

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Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
812734 , 812736	ELEVIV (device), ELEVIV (device)	DBC, LLC	BAYER CONSUMER CARE AG	2013/23	1/07/2013	Class 5 Opposition
661704	NEW ZEALAND TARTAN	PIPING AND DANCING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC	TIMELY MARKETING & PROMOTIONS LIMITED	2013/24	3/07/2013	Class 16, 21 and 25 Application for revocation on grounds other than non-use
846844	LUMAN (device)	LUMAN LIGHTING LIMITED	E-CONOLIGHT, LLC	2013/25	16/07/2013	Class 11 Opposition
956471	HEBEL	CFG COATINGS LTD	XELLA DEUTSCHLAND GMBH	2013/26	23/07/2013	Class 2 Interlocutory hearing on request for halt and extension

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585523	Safety Stylet	BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY		2013/12	23/07/2013	Interlocutory hearing to determine appropriate application of regulation 103
529926	Glass reinforced gypsum board and method of manufacture	BPB LIMITED	FLETCHER BUILDING HOLDINGS LTD	2013/13	24/07/2013	Section 21 Opposition (in the public interest)
593785	Ionic liquids comprising nitrogen containing cations	INNOVIA FILMS LIMITED		2013/14	30/07/2013	Objections to acceptance under sections 2, 10 and 13

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NZIPA Public Seminar – 29 August 2013

6 August 2013



The New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc invites you to hear **Doug Hill of Springfree Trampolines** talking about how the protection of intellectual property has enabled his company to hold a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Doug Hill is a director of Springfree New Zealand Limited, which holds the licence to sell SPRINGFREE trampolines in Australasia, Eastern Europe, South East Asia and the Middle East. The SPRINGFREE trampoline was designed by Dr Keith Alexander at the University of Canterbury. After more than 15 years of injury prevention research, the design was commercialised in 2003 and is now sold in 15 countries. Doug's company handles manufacturing through its Christchurch base and factory in China, and is contracted to conduct R&D. Doug managed Springfree's engineering development phase and had prior manufacturing experience in China.

Doug will talk about the development and management of the company's IP here in NZ and in their key markets around the world, and how that has given the business a key competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Date: 29 August 2013

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Presentation will commence at 6pm.
Food and refreshments will be provided.

Venue: At Conference Space,
Westpac Business & Community Hub Team
55 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington, Christchurch
(Located next to CBS Canterbury Arena)

There is no charge to attend but you do need to RSVP to secretary@nzipa.org.nz by 22 August 2013.

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Nice Agreement Accession

29 July 2013

On July 16 2013 New Zealand deposited its Instrument of Accession to the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (“the Nice Agreement”) with the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Nice Agreement will come into force in New Zealand on **16 October 2013**.

This Accession follows the conclusion of voluntary and mandatory conversion of old 3rd schedule trade mark registrations; which have been converted to the Nice classification. Therefore all trade marks on the register are classified according to the Nice classification.

New Zealand has used the Nice classification for over 60 years, so trade mark users in New Zealand are very familiar with the Nice classification system. However by acceding to the Nice Agreement, New Zealand now has the opportunity to contribute to the further development of the Nice classification system to ensure that it best meets the needs of New Zealand businesses.

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The Journal

26 July 2013

The July edition of the Journal is now available.

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Appointment of new Assistant Commissioners

19 July 2013

IPONZ is pleased to announce the appointment of Bryan Thompson, Jane Glover and Warwick Smith as Assistant Commissioners of Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Plant Variety Rights. They will join our existing Assistant Commissioners in hearing IPONZ proceeding cases.

The appointments will ensure the Hearings Office is appropriately resourced to meet the needs of its clients.

The following are brief biographies for our Assistant Commissioners:

Bryan Thompson

Bryan Thompson was a long serving partner at one of New Zealand’s leading Intellectual Property firms. Prior to his retirement, Mr Thompson was widely regarded as one of New Zealand’s leading IP practitioners, particularly in his specialist trade mark area. He has provided submissions to Government on trade mark law reform, geographical indications and anti-counterfeiting. Mr Thompson also chairs the Patent Attorney Examination Board.

Jane Glover

Jane Glover has specialised in intellectual property and general commercial litigation since being admitted as a barrister and solicitor in 1999. Ms Glover is a member of the Copyright Tribunal and wrote the first ever decision under the “three strikes”

file sharing law. She has written a number of articles about intellectual property and is a contributing author to the "Copyright and Design" looseleaf text.

Warwick Smith

Warwick Smith is a barrister and arbitrator. Mr Smith is also a member of the Copyright Tribunal and holds an appointment from the World Intellectual Property Organization as an international domain name panellist. He is one of WIPO's arbitration neutrals, under the WIPO Arbitration Rules, and one of its international panel of experts for resolving objections to the approval of new generic top level Internet domains.

Jennie Walden

Jennie Walden is a barrister and a highly experienced Assistant Commissioner for the Intellectual Property Office having started hearing trade mark cases in 2002. Ms Walden also has considerable experience in legislative drafting and law reform.

Bruce Popplewell

Bruce Popplewell was the New Zealand Commissioner of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs prior to his retirement from the Patent Office. Following the establishment of the Intellectual Property Office, Mr Popplewell was appointed as an independent Assistant Commissioner and has been hearing patent, trade marks and design cases as an Assistant Commissioner since 1997.

Alfred Hazlewood

Alfred Hazlewood has considerable experience in the patent field having had a career of 24 years within the Patent Office. Following his retirement, Mr Hazlewood was appointed as an Assistant Commissioner and has been hearing patent, trade marks and design cases since 2000.

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Decisions of the Commissioner

18 July 2013

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
845492 , 848529 , 848530	SPEED UNLIMITED (device), SPEED ENERGY (device), SPEED FACTORY (device)	Energy Group SRL	Specialized Bicycle Components, Inc	2013/18	11/06/2013	Class 32 Opposition
842034	BIGSPACE	Daimler AG		2013/19	11/06/2013	Class 12 Proposal to reject application
842111	COMPACTSPACE	Daimler AG		2013/20	11/06/2013	Class 12 Proposal to reject

application

797823	DIMES	Anaforza Ltd	Dimes Gida Sanayi Ve Ticaret Anonim Sirketi	2013/21	11/06/2013	Class 32 Application for invalidity
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847391	PORSHA	Aquatica New Zealand Limited	Dr. Ing. H.C.F. Porsche Aktiengesellschaft	2013/22	28/06/2013	Class 11 Opposition
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534401	Mobile animal feeder	Ross Gordon McInnes	Stallion Plastics Limited	2013/11	3/06/2013	Interlocutory hearing to determine if divisional applications properly filed
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IPONZ wins 2013 Public Sector Excellence Award

9 July 2013

We are proud to announce that IPONZ was named joint winner of the **“Improving public value through business transformation”** award in the recent Institute of Public Administration (IPANZ) Gen-i Public Sector Excellence Awards.

This award recognises IPONZ’s successful business transformation, including the release of its world leading case management system. We now offer world class IP services that are more client focused, cost effective to deliver, provide greater transparency and higher quality examination, and some of the fastest examination turn-around times in the world.

IPONZ is aware that the cooperation and support that we have received from our clients and the IP profession contributed to our business transformation and we invite you to share in the recognition of a job well done.

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The Plant Variety Rights Journal

1 July 2013

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

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- [Plant variety right applications and registrations](#)

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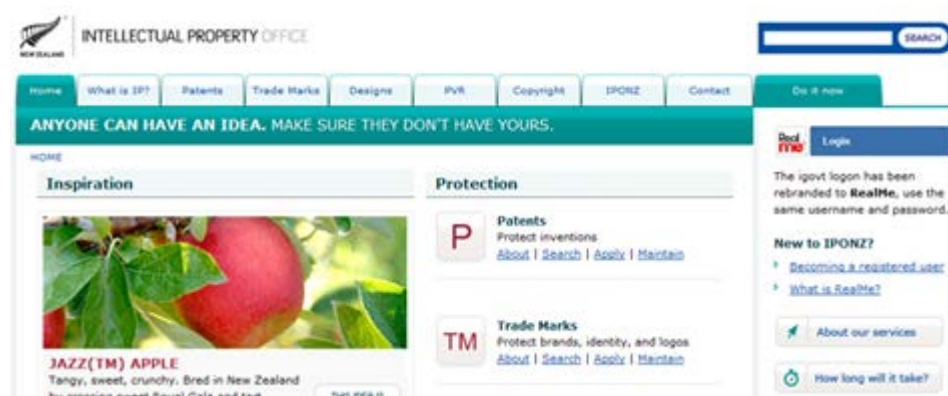
Your igovt logon is now called RealMe

1 July 2013

Today the igovt authentication service to access the IPONZ website has been replaced by the new RealMe service.

RealMe has some additional features but is just as secure and will continue to protect your privacy. More information about RealMe is available at www.realme.govt.nz.

You do not need to do anything, simply continue to use your existing username and password to use our online services. Just enter them in the RealMe logon area. You don't need to set up a new username and password!



Assistance

If you need any help, contact the [RealMe Help Desk](#).

Please note that you will never be asked for your RealMe password.

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The Journal

28 June 2013

The June edition of the Journal is now available.

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- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations](#)

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Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management Facility

27 June 2013

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management facility effective today are as follows:

Ability to change your client reference

You can now change the client reference for your case. This option is available under 'My account' from the left hand side of your User Inbox.

INBOX > REQUEST CHANGE CLIENT REFERENCE

To change the client reference on additional cases, select search.

4 Case(s)			
Case Number	Case Type	Reference	
31115	PVR	IPONZ1234-JB	Remove
416251	Design	IPONZ2345-JB	Remove
605353	Complete Patent	IPONZ3456-JB	Remove
959789	Trade Mark	IPONZ4567-JB	Remove

Search

[Read more about change client reference](#)

New types of Discussion

Based on your feedback two new types of discussions have been added to the online system to help you keep up to date with your cases.

- **Discussion on completion of task**

You will now receive a discussion following the completion of a Task in your Inbox. The discussion will outline that the task has been completed including the documents uploaded.

INBOX > TRADE MARK 960244 - DISCUSS CASE

Information	Discussion				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 960244 > Trade Mark > catering > Under Examination : 19 Jun 2013 	<p>Title Acknowledgement of Completing task</p> <p>Creation date 24 Jun 2013</p> <p>Status Closed</p> <p>Messages</p> <p>Pope, Tao and Jon IP - 24 Jun 2013</p> <p>Receipt is acknowledged of a response to the task as detailed below.</p> <p>Links are provided in this discussion to the documents received with the response.</p> <p>Case number: 960244 Case type: Trade Mark Case title: catering Owner: Pope, Tao & Jon IP Task name: Respond to TM Compliance Report Reference: testing Date/Time of response: 24 Jun 2013 02:26:08 p.m. Response submitted by: Pope, Tao and Jon IP</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Objection response</td> <td>Objection response</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Type	Objection response	Objection response
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- **Notification to the Agent who has been removed from a case**

Agents will receive a discussion when they have been removed from a case via a Change Agent request.

INBOX > TRADE MARK 960093 - DISCUSS CASE

Information	Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 960093 > Trade Mark > Four Paws; 4 Paws > Under Examination : 14 Mar 2013 	<p>Title Removal of agent</p> <p>Creation date 24 Jun 2013</p> <p>Status Closed</p> <p>Messages</p> <p>IPONZ - 24 Jun 2013</p> <p>You have been removed as the contact/agent on record for this case.</p>

[Read more about discussions](#)

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Planned system outage for transition to RealMe

25 June 2013

The igovt authentication service to access the IPONZ website is scheduled to be replaced by the new RealMe service on the 1 July 2013. See our [earlier article about this change](#).

To make this change IPONZ online services will not be available from **10pm on Friday 28 June until the evening of Sunday 30 June**.

The following IPONZ online services will not be available during the outage:

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

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

- Read IPONZ website articles and content
- Search IPONZ website content

This also means from Monday 1 July 2013, you will be logging in to IPONZ online services with RealMe by using the same username and password.

Assistance

If you need any help, contact the igovt Help Desk by either email help@i.govt.nz or call from New Zealand: 0800 457 4357 (toll free), from overseas: +64 9 357 4468 (overseas call charges apply).

Please note that you will never be asked for your igovt password.

Trade mark specifications and duplicated terms

21 June 2013

IPONZ will no longer raise objections where the specification of goods and/or services contains duplication. The onus will be on the applicant to file correctly and ensure that specifications of goods and/or services do not include any duplicated terms.

An objection will only be made by the Office where the duplicated term(s) causes the specification or goods and/or services to be unclear.

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Your igovt logon is changing to RealMe

21 June 2013

The igovt authentication service to access the IPONZ website is being replaced by the new RealMe service.

RealMe has some additional features but is just as secure and will continue to protect your privacy.

More information about RealMe is available at www.realme.govt.nz.

Who will this effect?

All IPONZ registered users to our online services.

What does this mean?

Very little, the biggest change is you will see a RealMe logo instead of an igovt logo.

What do you need to do?

Nothing, you can continue to use your existing username and password to use our online services. Just enter them in the RealMe logon area.

You don't need to set up a new username and password!

When will this happen?

This has been scheduled to go live on Monday 1 July 2013.

What will happen before 1 July 2013?

There is an outage planned for the weekend of Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June.

During this time you will not be able to logon to IPONZ website from 10:00pm on Friday 28 June to the morning of Monday 1 July.

We will send out more details about the outage closer to the time.

Assistance

If you need any help, contact the igovt Help Desk by either email help@i.govt.nz or call from New Zealand: 0800 457 4357 (toll free), from overseas: +64 9 357 4468 (overseas call charges apply).

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Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management Facility

6 June 2013

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management facility effective today are as follows:

Discussions tab on case data

A discussions tab is now available on the case data view allowing you to see discussions on your cases.

INBOX > 959786 - TRADE MARK - SUPERSPEEDY

Bibliographical Data					
Discussions					
History					
Documents					
3 Discussion(s)					
Title	Case Contact	Update Date	Creation date	Status	
Trade Mark Registered	Pope, Tao and Jon IP	02 May 2013 12:14:36 a.m.	02 May 2013	Closed	
No Objections raised in application, Trade Mark accepted	Pope, Tao and Jon IP	01 Nov 2012 12:55:40 p.m.	01 Nov 2012	Closed	
Acknowledgement of Trade Mark application	Pope, Tao and Jon IP	01 Nov 2012 09:28:15 a.m.	01 Nov 2012	Closed	

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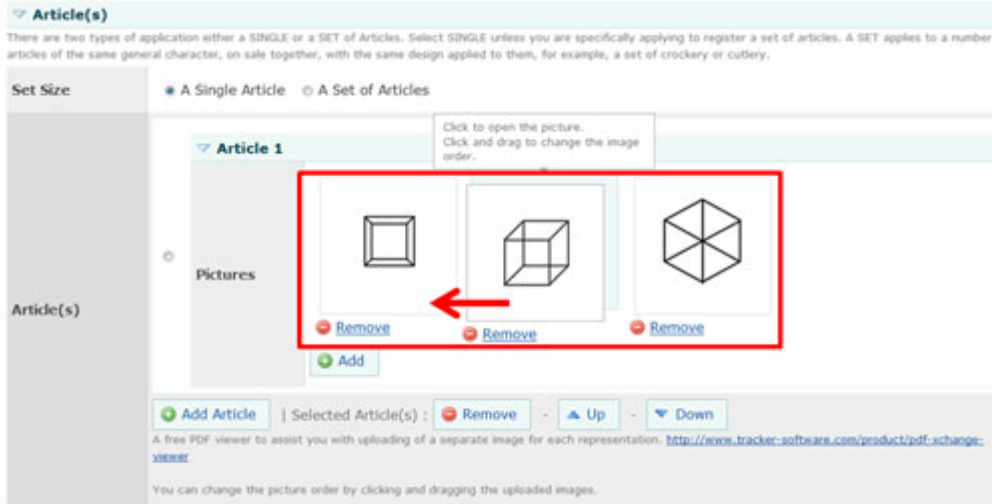
- Patent search reports returned in Excel format will now show the full patent abstract.
- It's now possible to use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT), brackets, and wildcards in the 'IPC Text' field on the "Search for Patents" screen.

IPC Class	Select
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See Searching for patent IPC class for more information

Functionality to allow re-ordering of design and trade mark representations

Users can now re-order representations in the design and trade mark application forms and amendment/alteration screens. To re-order representations, click a representation and drag it to a new position.

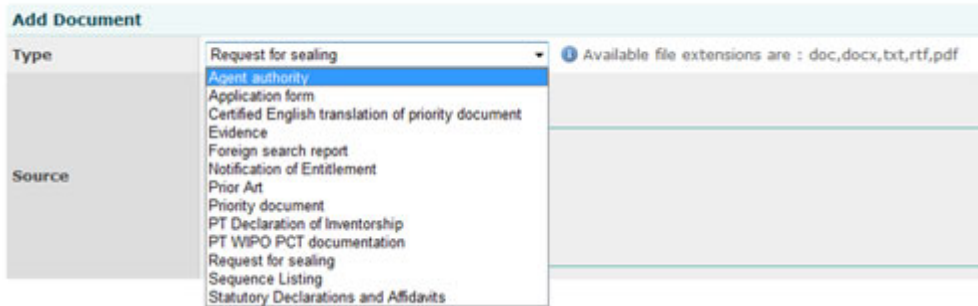


New document types in the Patent and PVR amendment screens

New document types have been added to the following areas:

- Patent Amendment

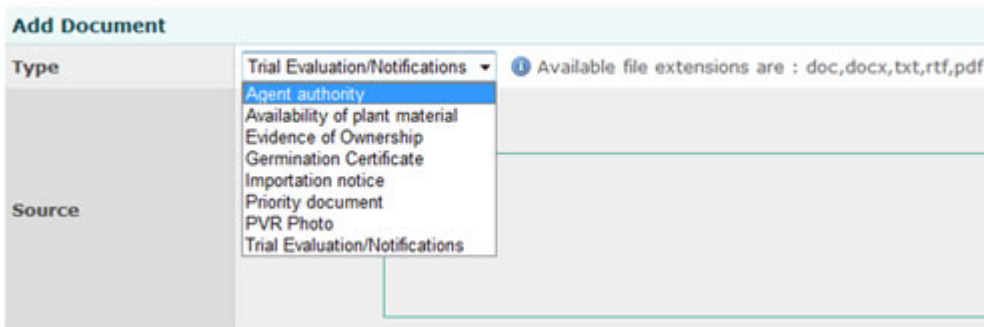
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- Amend PVR Application

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IP scams and unsolicited emails

5 June 2013

IPONZ has noticed an increasing amount of IP scams and unsolicited IP-related schemes lately, and warns clients to watch out for them.

If you receive any communications about your IP cases:

1. outside of IPONZ's case management facility; or
2. from anyone other than your appointed IP professional; or
3. from anyone other than WIPO in the case of an International Trade Mark or PCT application; or
4. other than from IPONZ when in relation to a renewal

you should treat them with suspicion, particularly if they are offering a service requiring a fee from you.

If you have any doubts about a communication you have received, you should contact IPONZ or your IP professional to verify its authenticity.

Further information and examples of IP scams and unsolicited IP-related schemes can be viewed on the following [WIPO webpage](#).

The Journal

31 May 2013

The May edition of the Journal is now available.

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

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Decisions of the Commissioner

15 May 2013

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
816636 , 816637 , 836941 , 838976	BDO REMIT NEW ZEALAND (device), BDO BANCO DE ORO (device), BDO UNIBANK, BDO UNIBANK (device)	BDO Unibank Inc	Stichting BDO	2013/15	4/4/2013	Class 36 Oppositions
790835	GUESS WITH JESS	Woodland Animation Limited	Guess?, Inc	2013/16	22/4/2013	Classes 9, 16, 25, 28, 41 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
563320	Systems and methods for data insurance	Gregory Hugh Hodgkiss, John Conn, Peter Kingsley Lake-Johns, Thomas John O'Brien	Monument Insurance (NZ) Limited	2013/8	8/4/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
547021	Device and method for automatically starting a milking process	GEA Farm Technologies GMBH	Waikato Milking Systems NZ Limited	2013/9	12/4/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
547946	Treatment composition	Manukamed Limited	Comvita New Zealand Limited	2013/10	22/4/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)

Trade mark practice guideline changes

6 May 2013

The Trade Mark practice guideline for Amendments to trade mark applications has been updated. The changes confirm the requirements for notifying IPONZ of a correction on the date of filing.

- Read the updated section of the guidelines: [Practice Guideline 12. Amendments to trade mark applications](#)
- View exactly what has been changed in the [historic practice guideline section](#).

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Update to Trade Mark Practice Guideline

03 May 2013

Viewing historic trade mark practice guidelines

IPONZ has updated the Historic Trade Mark practice guidelines page to display any superseded practice guidelines from 3 May 2013 in PDF. The PDF will include tracked changes to make it easier for you to identify the updates.

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20 Assignments and transmissions

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- [View the trade mark historic practice guideline page](#)

Practice Guideline update - Trade mark assignments

IPONZ has removed the requirement for a signed agent authority document from the owner to be provided when appointing an agent within a Change Ownership (assignment) request.

Agents can instead supply a signed letter confirming that they have been asked to represent the new owner.

The practice guidelines have also been updated to make it clear that changes of applicant/owner name must be done through the maintain client function, not change ownership function, as this will correctly reflect the fact that there has been a name change, not a transfer of ownership.

- [Read the updated guideline](#)
- [View the historic practice guideline](#)

Some example scenarios have been provided for clarifying how to file a change ownership request depending on the person making the request. [Read maintain a trade mark change ownership section](#).

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Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management Facility

2 May 2013

Enhancements to IPONZ's case management facility effective today are as follows:

Improvement to text search performance

Enhancements have been made to improve the speed of searches, particularly where search criteria include text fields with phrases in quotation marks.

The following online searching guides have been updated to clarify the behaviour of text searches following these enhancements:

- [Patents online searching guide](#)
- [Trade marks online searching guide](#)
- [PVR online searching guide](#)

Changes to text field searches include:

- Punctuation within a word or phrase is treated the same way as a space
- There is no need to specify AND NOT when excluding a search term, simply use NOT
- Validation has been placed on the location of AND/OR/NOT operators to ensure that searches are not ambiguous and operators are used correctly

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Trade Mark Law Reform - Trade Mark Amendment Regulations 2013

29 April 2013

The Trade Mark Amendments Regulations 2013 come into force today. These are the second part of the update to the Trade Mark Regulations 2003, following the implementation of the first part in December 2012.

The primary purposes of these Regulations are to update the Hearings procedures to improve the administration of proceedings before the Commissioner. Changes include:

- Allowing the Commissioner to grant an extension of time up to 3 months if the request is considered reasonable in the circumstances
- Introducing procedures relating to undertakings regarding confidential evidence
- Allowing the Commissioner to consolidate proceedings
- Amending regulation 75 allowing the Commissioner to grant an extension of time after the deadline has passed (request must still be filed prior)
- Introducing procedures if a party repeatedly fails to:
 - a. follow the directions of the Commissioner from a case management conference
 - b. provide documentation as directed by the Commissioner
 - c. agree to a Hearing date or attend a Hearing

In addition there are some other miscellaneous amendments to improve the operation of the regulations, including:

- Allowing an agent to remove themselves as agent from a trade mark
- Mandating that a class number must be provided when filing a Search and Preliminary Advice application
- Clarifying when a request for an extension of time in certain circumstances applies (continued processing)

For more information see: [Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2013](#)

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The Journal

26 April 2013

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Decisions of the Commissioner

18 April 2013

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

Trade marks

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809846	GLICO PRETZ	EZAKI GLICO KABUSHIKI KAISHA	MANHAAS INDUSTRIES (2000) LTD	2013/11	11/3/2013	Class 30 Opposition
813171	CORSTORPHINE HOUSE	CORSTORPHINE HOUSE MANAGEMENT LIMITED	CONDENSATION CONTROL LIMITED (trading as CORSTORPHINE HOUSE)	2013/12	11/3/2013	Class 35 Opposition
792222	GYPTONE	BPB UNITED KINGDOM LIMITED	FLETCHER BUILDING HOLDINGS LIMITED and WINSTONE WALLBOARDS LIMITED	2013/13	11/3/2013	Classes 17 and 19 Declaration of invalidity
833166 and 833168	PUER XCEL (device) and PURE (device)	ESSAM YOUSEF	PEPSCANZ LTD	2013/14	26/3/2013	Class 16 Opposition

NZIPA - World IP Day Event

9 April 2013



In celebration of World IP Day the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc invites you to hear Richard Templer, General Manager SET Delivery, Callaghan Innovation talk about Callaghans Innovation's overall aims and plans for innovation in New Zealand.

Topic: Callaghans Innovation's overall aims and plans for innovation in New Zealand.

Speaker: Richard Templer - General Manager SET Delivery, Callaghan Innovation

Date: 16 April 2013

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Presentation will commence at 6pm. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Venue: Wellington Club
Level 4
88 The Terrace
Wellington 6011

There is no charge to attend but you do need to RSVP to secretary@nzipa.org.nz by 13 April 2013.

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

2 April 2013

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

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- [General information](#)
 - [Plant variety right applications and registrations](#)
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Trade Mark Law Reform - Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2013

2 April 2013

The amendments that are being made to the Trade Marks Regulations 2003 were notified in the New Zealand Gazette on 28 March 2013.

The Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2013 come into force on **29 April 2013**. These are the second part of the update to the Trade Mark Regulations 2003, following the implementation of the first part in December 2012.

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The Journal

28 March 2013

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James Dyson Award: product design competition

26 March 2013



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.

This International competition is open to university level students of product design, industrial design or engineering, and recent graduates in their first five years in the workforce.

Entries close on **1 August 2013** 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 in the UK and tours the Research & Development Centre.
- receives an official fee prize package from IPONZ tailored to the winner's immediate intellectual property needs, and
- 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£30,000 in prize money and a trophy. The James Dyson Foundation also gives GBP£10,000 to the International winner's current or former University department. The two International Runners-up receive GBP£10,000 and a Certificate of Excellence.

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Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management Facility

21 March 2013

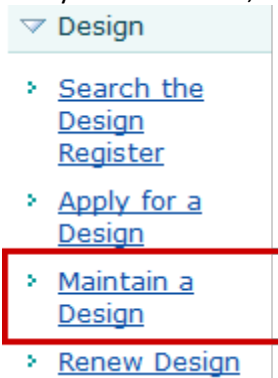
Enhancements to IPONZ's case management facility effective today are as follows:

Ability to upload Design agent authorisation via Amendment function

You now have an option to upload a Design agent authorisation when requesting an amendment or alteration on a Design application. This means you will no longer need to wait for an examination report to be issued before submitting this information to the Office.

How do I upload agent authorisation for design via Amendment function?

- From your User Inbox, select **Maintain a Design** under the Design Menu.



- Select **Amendment/Alteration** option from the **Request Change Designs** page.

INBOX > REQUEST CHANGE DESIGNS

Amendment/Alteration
Make small changes to a Design Application for the purpose of correction.

Select case for Amendment/Alteration

Change Owner
Change the ownership of one or more designs.

Select case(s) for Assignment

Cancellation
Request cancellation of your registered design.

Select case(s) for Cancellation

- After searching and selecting the design that you wish to upload agent authorisation, you will have option to **Add** document to the request for an amendment or alternation on a design.

INBOX > REQUEST AN AMENDMENT OR ALTERATION ON A DESIGN

You may request an amendment or alteration to a Design application or registered Design by editing the details below. For changes to ownership and agent representation please return to the Maintain a Design page.
If you modify representations, remove any that are no longer to be considered. Your submission will be considered as a full set of representations.
Only amendments and alterations which are allowed by the office are editable below. Complete your request by pressing **Submit**.

Reference

Case Data

Contact

Bibliographical Data

Article(s)

Document You can optionally attach a document with justification to support your amendment request.

- You will need to ensure that you have selected a correct type of document for your document to avoid delay in processing your request.

INBOX > EDIT DOCUMENT

Add Document

Type Available file extensions are : doc,docx,txt,rtf,pdf

Uploads

Source

Enhancement to Online Journal's Excel report

The Online Journal's Excel report will now contain the same information as the Excel report generated when searching on the IPONZ registers. This means that all relevant information on published cases can be returned in a convenient spreadsheet form. For example the Journal extract in Excel form will now include Nice classification and goods and services details for trade marks, and patent abstract text.

Read more about [how to view published information – Online Journal](#).

Ability to include your reference in a Design division request

You can now include your own case reference for a divisional Design application.

INBOX > REQUEST DESIGN DIVISION

You may request that your application for a Design be divided into multiple applications. To do so select **Add** below, in order to create both applications. Press **Submit** to complete your request.

Reference

ORIGINAL DESIGN

Case Data

Client Reference	bla	Submission Date	07 Nov 2012
IP Number	416251	Filed Date	07 Nov 2012
Status	Filed		

Ability to upload PVR denomination's justification document

You now have an option to upload a justification for proposing a new denomination for a granted PVR right.

INBOX > PROPOSE DENOMINATION TO AN IP

You may propose a denomination to your application. Search for your Plant Variety Right below and press **Submit** to complete your request.

Case	Case Number	Application Number	Case Status	Case Title	Photo	Breeder Reference	Owner
	1222	SAN003	Granted	The Phoenix		The Phoenix	Pukearoro Exotics <input type="button" value="Remove"/>

Proposed Denomination

Justification

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Trade mark practice guideline change

15 March 2013

The following Trade Mark practice guidelines have been updated to clarify what the Office requires as evidence of authority of act on behalf of a client.

- [Practice guideline 20 Assignments and Transmissions](#)
- [Practice guideline 22 Agents](#)

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Decisions of the Commissioner

4 March 2013

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

Trade marks

Number	Mark	First Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
823369	DIAREX	Himalaya Global Holdings Ltd	2013/06	12/02/2013	Cl.5 Proposal to reject tm applications - S43
823361	AYURSLIM	Himalaya Global Holdings Ltd	2013/07	12/02/2013	Cl.5 Proposal to reject tm applications - S43
823435	PICROLAX	Himalaya Global Holdings Ltd	2013/08	12/02/2013	Cl.5 Proposal to reject tm applications - S43
823373	GASEX	Himalaya Global Holdings Ltd	2013/09	12/02/2013	Cl.5 Proposal to reject tm applications - S43
824404	SLEEPTEA	Himalaya Global Holdings Ltd	2013/10	12/02/2013	Cl.30 Proposal to reject tm applications - S43

Change in Commissioner of Patents, Trade Marks, Designs & Plant Variety Rights

1 March 2013



Neville Harris



Mandy McDonald

On 1 March 2013 Mandy McDonald takes over from Neville Harris as the Commissioner of Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Plant Variety Rights.

In his time as Commissioner Neville was directly responsible for the transformation of IPONZ into one of the most modern and efficient Intellectual Property Offices in the world.

Ms McDonald has held a number of senior management positions within government and is currently the General Manager, Business Integrity Services, Market Services group, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand is updating its systems to reflect the change.

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Wellington information session: Changes to patent attorney regulation in New Zealand

28 February 2013



Members of the Wellington patent attorney profession and other interested parties are invited to attend an information session regarding the introduction of the trans-Tasman registration regime for patent attorneys.

The information session will discuss the key elements of the new trans-Tasman registration regime and how the regime is being implemented. Special emphasis will be given to the impact the regime will have on the New Zealand patent attorney profession and the delivery of patent attorney services in New Zealand.

Date: 25 March 2013

Time: 4:30pm to 5:30pm

Location: Ngata Room, Ground Floor, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, 33 Bowen Street, Wellington

Video conference location: Southern Business Centre, 55 Wordsworth Street, Sydenham, Christchurch.

The information session will also be available via video conference at the Christchurch Southern Business Centre.

Please RSVP confirming attendance to **Christchurch** or **Wellington** by 19 March to ip.policy@mbie.govt.nz

(Light refreshments will be served)

Auckland information session: Changes to patent attorney regulation in New Zealand

28 February 2013



Australian Government
IP Australia



Ministry of Business,
Innovation & Employment

Members of the New Zealand patent attorney profession and other interested parties are invited to attend an information session regarding the introduction of the trans-Tasman Regulation of Patent Attorneys.

This event is jointly hosted by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and IP Australia. This event coincides with a meeting in Auckland of the Australian Professional Standards Board and members of that Board will attend this event.

The information session is aimed at preparing the New Zealand patent attorney profession for the legislative and operational changes under the new registration regime – an initiative of the trans-Tasman Single Economic Market agenda.

The Information Session will cover the new trans-Tasman registration regime and information regarding the role and functions of the current Professional Standards Board in Australia as well as the operation of those roles and functions under the new regime.

Date: 20 March 2013

Times: 3pm for 3:20pm start, to finish around 5:30pm

Location: Stamford Plaza Hotel, Auckland

Topics will include:

- New Patent Attorney Regime
- Role of the Board
- Curriculum & Accreditation of providers
- Continuing Professional Education Requirements
- Exemptions
- Ethics

The event will also feature a question and answer session, and a networking afternoon tea is included on arrival.

Please RSVP by 11 March to ip.policy@mbie.govt.nz

Registration of interest would be appreciated to provide catering numbers.

Attendees may claim 2 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours if appropriate.

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The Journal

22 February 2013

The February edition of the Journal is now available.

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Patent practice guideline updates

19 February 2013

The following updates to the Patent Practice guidelines have been made to reflect the new online facility features and provide detailed information on filing requirements.

Specification requirements

The front page of any complete specification (or as subsequently amended) filed using the online system should contain the title. There is no longer any requirement to include any other information such as an indication of an associated application accompanied by provisional specifications, cognated applications, divisional or parent applications.

Historically, patent form 5 formed the first page of a complete specification. However, in keeping with the introduction of our online system, there is no longer any need to file forms for many aspects of patent applications, including form 5. Therefore, applicants filing a new or amended first page of a specification will only be required to file a page with the title and the descriptive part of the specification.

The complete specification consists of the description, the claims, drawings (if any) and sequence listings (if any). The specification does not include the abstract. Where an abstract is filed with a specification, then the applicant will be required to provide a replacement specification without the abstract.

Read the updated section of the guidelines: [Practice guideline 3. Filing a complete specification.](#)

Authorisation of agent

An authorisation of agent is generally not required at filing of an application accompanied by a complete specification if the application is filed by an agent on behalf of the applicant (see also patent office practice note 1997/5).

Read the updated section of the guidelines: [Practice guideline 1. Filing an application.](#)

Early Entry in National Phase

Where an applicant wishes an application to enter the national phase in New Zealand before publication of the international specification using our online system then the applicant should:

1. File the application as a standard application accompanied by a complete specification.
2. The applicant should provide details of the international filing date and international application number of the application and provide copies of any Notifications or filing receipts issued by WIPO in respect of the international application as supplementary information filed with the standard application;
3. Call IPONZ contact centre as soon as the standard application has been filed with a note of the application number and request that application be converted to a national phase application.

The application will be converted from a standard application to a national phase application.

Read the updated section of the guidelines: [Practice guideline 4. National Phase Entry.](#)

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Enhancement to IPONZ's Case Management Facility

14 February 2012

An enhancement has been made to allow you to file the document types of 'Request costs award' and 'Costs award submission' when a proceeding case has been withdrawn/discontinued by a proceeding applicant or withdrawn/cancelled by the IP owner.

You will be able to select and submit the document types through the option of 'File a Proceeding Document'.

INBOX > EDIT DOCUMENT

Add Document

Type Available file extensions are : doc,docx,txt,rtf,pdf

Source

- Amended Pleadings
- Amended Pleadings
- Applicant's Evidence
- Costs award submission
- Counter Statement
- Extension of Time
- Hearing Submission
- Notice of Appeal
- Opponent's Evidence
- Priority document
- Proceeding Correspondence
- Proceeding Evidence
- Reply Evidence
- Request costs award
- Request Hearing
- Request security of costs
- Request to Halt Proceeding
- Security for Costs Submission
- Statement of Case

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Trade mark reports updated**14 February 2013**

IPONZ has updated its letters for National Trade Marks to the same format used for applications filed under the Madrid Protocol. This will:

- Provide consistency in the look and feel of Search and Preliminary Advice, National and International trade mark reports.
- Improve the readability of the reports.
- Provide clear and concise instructions on responding to compliance reports through the online case management system.

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The Geneva Conventions (Third Protocol – Red Crystal Emblem) Amendment Act**14 February 2012**

The Geneva Conventions Act 1958* now gives protection to the emblem of a red crystal, composed of a red frame in the shape of a square on edge on a white ground, or the designation 'Red Crystal' as shown:



Examiners will raise a concern where a mark contains a representation of the emblem. An applicant may be able to overcome the examiner's concerns by agreeing to the entry of a "red crystal" condition, stating that the mark will not be used with the crystal device appearing in red on a white ground, or any similar colour.

For more detail about the update to the practice guideline see [04 Absolute grounds - General](#).

*The New Zealand legislative amendment was passed on 11 December 2012. For more information, see: [The Geneva Conventions \(Third Protocol - Red Crystal Emblem\) Amendment Act 2012](#).

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Decisions of the Commissioner

11 February 2013

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
827316	CATWALK	McPherson's Consumer Products Pty Limited	Unilever PLC	2013/1	14/1/2013	Classes 8, 21 and 26 Opposition
825601 , 625602	NEXTDC (device), NEXTDC	NextDC Limited	Next Retail Limited	2013/2	14/1/2013	Classes 9, 16, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 42 Opposition
799728	SECUREFIT	Uni-Charm Kabushiki Kaisha	AB SCA Finans and SCA Hygiene Products AB	2013/3	24/1/2013	Class 5 opposition
779350	U (device)	Underground Espresso Holdings Limited	Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America	2013/4	24/1/2013	Classes 30, 35, 40 and 43 Opposition
634745 , 634746 , 701600	Water+, Water Plus, Waterplus (device)	Bickford's Trading Pty Ltd	Tata Sons Limited	2013/5	30/1/2013	Class 32 Application for Revocation on grounds of non-use

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
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576441	Sealed Single-Dose Break-Open Package	Diapack Limited	Harry George Cockburn	2013/1	8/1/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
551794 552817	Irrigator Monitor	Irrigation Patents NZ Limited	Richard Norman Conroy and Robyn Norman Conroy	2013/2	23/1/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
585936	Improved Detection System	Cament Limited	Radian Technology Limited and Livestock Improvement Corporation Limited	2013/3	24/1/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
577775	A Retention Device for a Rotary Milking Parlour	Delaval Holding AB	Waikato Milking Systems NZ Limited	2013/4	24/1/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
576201	Macrocyclic Lactone Combination Compositions, Vaccines and Methods for Producing Same	Merial Limited	Pfizer Inc	2013/5	29/1/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
577550	Apparatus and Method for Removing Meat from a Carcass	Gary Wayne Vallance, Gregory Michael Newton	Agresearch Limited	2013/6	30/1/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)
571920	Formulation for Oral Delivery	Bomac Research Limited	Merial Ltd	2013/7	30/1/2013	s21 Opposition (in the public interest)

IPONZ closed for Waitangi Day – Wednesday 6 February 2013

5 February 2013

IPONZ's physical office will be closed for business on Waitangi Day Wednesday 6 February 2013. Our website will remain available throughout this period.

Applications and documents submitted online on 6 February 2013 will receive an official filing date of 7 February 2013 regardless of the date of submission.

If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on 6 February 2013, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed by 7 February 2013.

Please note – As a general rule, if the details of an invention or design, for which an application for a patent or design registration is to be made, are published prior to the official filing date, it may invalidate the patent or registration. Therefore, if a patent or design application is submitted online on an official closed day, such as on a weekend, or on Wellington Anniversary

Day, the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date which will be later than the date of online submission.

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The Maori Trade Marks Advisory Committee

4 February 2013

The Maori Trade Marks Advisory Committee makes their determinations on a continual basis through the Intellectual Property Office online system. The aim is to get the determination from the five Maori Trade Marks Advisory Committee members within the 15 day examination turnaround time. The Committee when making their determination must consider whether the proposed use or registration of a trade mark that is, or appears to be, derivative of a Māori sign, including text and imagery, is, or is likely to be, offensive to Māori.

As some trade marks may take longer than the 15 day turnaround, the Office will advise clients through a discussion that the mark has been sent to the Advisory Committee for a determination.

The Journal

25 January 2013

The January edition of the Journal is now available.

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Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management Facility

24 January 2013

IPONZ has made the following enhancements to its case management facility effective from today:

Ability to extract payment and invoice details in Excel format

An enhancement has been made to the Search Fees function to allow you to extract fee details into an Excel file. Simply click the "Extract All To File" button and an Excel spread sheet will be created. You can then save and manipulate the file to suit your needs.

SEARCH FEES

Search For: Number:

Invoice Number: Name:

Payment Option: Status:

Client Reference: Date Range: to

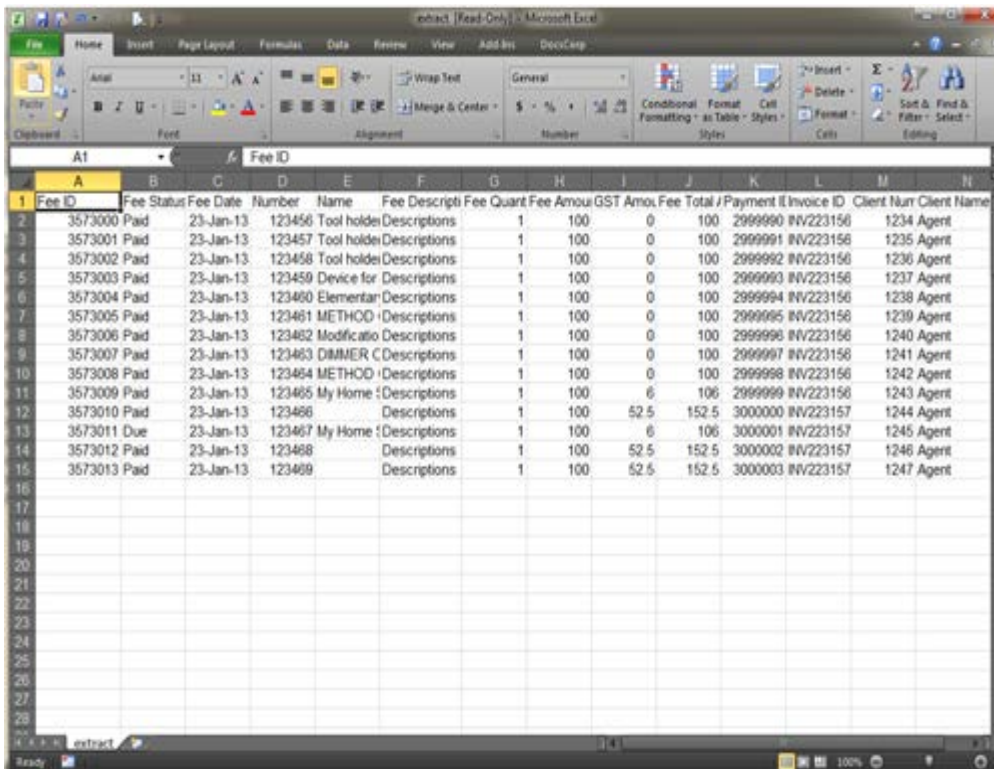
Amount: User Name:

Credit Note Number:

Displaying 1-11 results for 11 results.

Invoice Number	Invoice Amount (Incl. GST)	Invoice Status	Invoice Date
#112522	\$250.00	Paid	09 Jan 2013
#112520	\$250.00	Paid	21 Dec 2012
#112514	\$287.50	Paid	06 Dec 2012

An example of an Excel file:



Fee ID	Fee Status	Fee Date	Number	Name	Fee Descript	Fee Quant	Fee Amou	GST	Amou	Fee Total / Payment	Invoice ID	Client Num	Client Name
3573000	Paid	23-Jan-13	123456	Tool holder	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999990	INV223156	1234	Agent
3573001	Paid	23-Jan-13	123457	Tool holder	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999991	INV223156	1235	Agent
3573002	Paid	23-Jan-13	123458	Tool holder	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999992	INV223156	1236	Agent
3573003	Paid	23-Jan-13	123459	Device for	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999993	INV223156	1237	Agent
3573004	Paid	23-Jan-13	123460	Elementar	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999994	INV223156	1238	Agent
3573005	Paid	23-Jan-13	123461	METHCO	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999995	INV223156	1239	Agent
3573006	Paid	23-Jan-13	123462	Modificatio	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999996	INV223156	1240	Agent
3573007	Paid	23-Jan-13	123463	DIMMER C	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999997	INV223156	1241	Agent
3573008	Paid	23-Jan-13	123464	METHCO	Descriptions	1	100	0	100	2999998	INV223156	1242	Agent
3573009	Paid	23-Jan-13	123465	My Home	Descriptions	1	100	6	106	2999999	INV223156	1243	Agent
3573010	Paid	23-Jan-13	123466	Descriptions		1	100	52.5	152.5	3000000	INV223157	1244	Agent
3573011	Due	23-Jan-13	123467	My Home	Descriptions	1	100	6	106	3000001	INV223157	1245	Agent
3573012	Paid	23-Jan-13	123468	Descriptions		1	100	52.5	152.5	3000002	INV223157	1246	Agent
3573013	Paid	23-Jan-13	123469	Descriptions		1	100	52.5	152.5	3000003	INV223157	1247	Agent

Change to patent specification date label

The patent specification under the Bibliographical Data tab will now show "Received date" instead of "Filed date". This will make it easier for you to distinguish the received date of the patent specification document from the application filing date. For example:

Patent Specification	Title	Type	Received Date	Publication Date	Status	Amendment Description
Patent Specification	title	Complete Specifications	21 Dec 2012		Proposed	Description of the amendments proposed

Patent notice of acceptance letter

A formal notice of acceptance letter will be included with the discussion sent when a patent is accepted. The notice of acceptance will include the publication date and Journal number.

Changes to owner name are recorded against cases

From today the History tab will include details when the owner has changed their legal name.

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Decisions of the Commissioner

22 January 2012

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Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
540391	Anthelmintic composition	Jurox Pty Ltd	Merial New Zealand Ltd	2012/22	14/12/2012	Supplementary Decision of an Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Updates on Single Economic Market Patent Outcomes

18 January 2013

In October 2011 IP Australia and IPONZ agreed on a three-year implementation plan to improve the way patent applications are processed and examined. The three year implementation plan has three main stages:

- working sharing,
- single application process and
- single examiner process.

The primary goals of the single application and single examiner processes are to remove duplication and drive efficiencies.

Since agreeing to the implementation plan, both offices have made good progress in understanding each other's' patent application and examination processes.

Key to this work is the passage of the NZ Patents Bill 2008 which will more closely align the patents laws of New Zealand and Australia, and enable these patent outcomes to be progressed. IP Australia is working with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and IPONZ to develop legislative amendments to allow these initiatives to be implemented.

More information:

- [About Single Economic Market \(SEM\)](#)
- [Updates from some of the Patent's works to date](#)

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Closed for Wellington Anniversary Day – Monday 21 January 2013

16 January 2013

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Vienna Classifications updated to the 7th edition

8 January 2013

As of the 1st January 2013, IPONZ has changed from using the 6th edition to the 7th edition of the Vienna classification system. The 7th edition of the Vienna classification system makes useful additions and amendments to the Vienna codes currently being used by IPONZ.

[A summary of addition is available on the IPONZ website here](#).

The 7th edition of the Vienna classification system is available on [the WIPO website](#).

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Changes to the Plant Variety Rights (PVR) Journal Information

3 January 2013

With the release of the case management facility for plant variety rights in December 2012, the Intellectual Property Office of NZ (IPONZ) is making the following changes to the plant variety rights journal.

- From January 2013 the PVR's case specific information is now completely available online.
- The online PVR Journal is now also searchable. [Search now](#) or read more on [how to search the Journal](#).
- The PVR Journal publication date has been changed from the 14th of each quarter to the 1st working day of each quarter. This means the PVR Journal Publication dates for the next two journal will be:
 - 3 January 2013 and is [now available](#).
 - 1 April 2013.

Journal No. 132 published 3 January 2013 covers events from October to December 2012 and includes events that have occurred from 8 December 2012 in the new case management facility. Events on or after this date are published in the online section. For this publication period the online events have also been included in the PDF journal document. Future journals will only have the General Information section published as a PDF, all information about applications and grants will be solely online.

See the [New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Journal](#) page for more information.
