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The Journal - December 2015

Published on December 22, 2015

The December 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[919 KB PDF\]](#).
 - [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations](#).
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Enhancements to the IPONZ Case Management Facility

11 December 2015

The enhancements to the IPONZ case management facility effective as of 03 December 2015 are as follows:

Changes to visibility of hearings documents

IPONZ has made the following changes to the way documents are handled for hearings cases.

1. Documents filed in hearings cases will now automatically default to being visible to both parties only.
2. Documents will retain their original file names upon upload.
3. The case management facility will display the date on which documents were submitted.

New 'Confidential Evidence' document type for hearings

A new document type 'Confidential Evidence' has been added to identify confidential information submitted as part of a hearings case. Only IPONZ will be able to view these documents until the party who submitted them has confirmed to the Hearings Office that they have been served on the other side.

Only confidential evidence should be filed using this new document type.

Uploading documents to multiple hearings cases

Users can now upload documents to multiple hearings cases by entering all of the respective case numbers in the document upload screen.

Submitting applications for rectification of a trade mark

Users may now submit requests to rectify and/or correct the Register through the online case management facility.

Requests on Patent applications made open to public inspection

All Patent cases under the Patents Act 2013 which become open to public inspection will now have their linked request cases become open to public inspection as well. This change is retroactive, and will apply to all Patents and Patent Applications to which section 78 applies.

Request cases cannot be directly searched, but may be viewed by following the hyperlinks under 'Linked Case(s)' on a case Bibliographic page.

IPONZ Christmas – New Year holiday hours

7 December 2015

IPONZ will close for business over the holiday period from 5:00pm on Thursday, 24 December 2015, and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, 5 January 2016.

Our website 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 25 December 2015 to 5 January 2016, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed by 5 January 2016.
- For patents and trade marks, it is 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.
- If a patent or design application is submitted online over the Christmas - New Year period (25 December 2015 to 5 January 2016), the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date (5 January 2016). If this invention or design is disclosed before 5 January 2016, then the patent or design may be invalid if granted or registered.

Your online applications will receive an official filing date of:

- 24 December 2015 if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDT on 24 December 2015.
- 5 January 2016 if they are submitted between 25 December 2015 and 5 January 2016.

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

The Journal - November 2015

November 27, 2015

The November 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[895 KB PDF\]](#).

- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations.](#)
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Changes to the visibility of hearings documents and new method of filing confidential evidence

November 16, 2015

IPONZ is planning to change the default visibility of all documents filed in hearings cases from 26 November 2015.

From this date, all documents filed in hearings cases will automatically default to being visible to both parties in the online case management facility. This gives parties the ability to look under the 'Documents' tab to see if their documents have successfully uploaded in real time.

In light of this change, we are also introducing a new document type, 'Confidential Evidence'.

Documents filed as 'Confidential Evidence' will only be visible to IPONZ until the party that filed them confirms with the Hearings Office that its confidential evidence has been served on the other side.

Only confidential evidence should be filed using this new document type.

Please be advised that these changes will undergo extensive testing over the next few weeks, after which we will provide further updates.

The Journal - October 2015

30 October 2015

The October 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[887 KB PDF\]](#).
 - [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations.](#)
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Update to Trade Mark Practice Guidelines

29 October 2015

IPONZ has updated the Trade Mark practice guidelines to include criteria to be met for asserting a case of prior rights or prior consent.

Read the updated section of the guidelines:

- [Practice guideline 10a. Overcoming a citation](#)

[View the superseded Practice Guideline 10a. Overcoming a citation](#)

[View the superseded practice guidelines section](#)

Enhancement to Maintain a Design webpage content

21 October 2015

IPONZ has updated the Maintain a Design page content to inform and assist clients in navigating the IPONZ online case management facility. The content now has a similar structure to the other IP divisions on the IPONZ website.

- [Visit the Maintain a Design page.](#)
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Decisions of the Commissioner

20 October 2015

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
839797	Representation only	Bibby Line Group Limited		2015/14
973729	LADYSTAR (combined)	Xuchang Hengyuan Hair Products, Inc	The Procter & Gamble Company	2015/15
999643	NATURALLY PLUS (combined)	Naturally Plus Direct Marketing Co., Limited	Natural Organics, Inc	2015/16
780417	SYSTEMAIRE	Fantech (NZ) Limited	Systemair Aktiebolag	2015/17

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date
590211	Nasal assembly	ResMed Limited	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Limited	2015/22	3/09

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IPONZ closed for Labour Day - Monday 26 October 2015

20 October 2015

IPONZ will be closed for the Labour Day public holiday on Monday 26 October 2015. Our website will remain available throughout this period.

Please note the following important considerations:

- If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on 24, 25 or 26 October 2015, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed on or before 27 October 2015.
- If a patent or design application is submitted online between 23 October 2015 and 26 October 2015, the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date (27 October 2015). If this invention or design is disclosed before 27 October 2015, then the patent or design may be invalid if granted or registered.
- For patents and trade marks it is 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 an official filing date of:

- 23 October 2015, if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDT on 23 October 2015.
- 27 October 2015, if they are submitted on 24, 25 or 26 October 2015.

Business Briefing on intellectual property

20 October 2015

IPONZ, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and IP Australia are pleased to announce the release of Business Briefing: Maximising the potential of Intellectual Property for your business, a downloadable guide to the business aspects of intellectual property.



- [Business Briefing: Maximising the potential of Intellectual Property for your business \[2.4 MB PDF\]](#)

For more information, please visit our [IP for Business webpage](#), or visit the [Chartered Accountants ANZ website](#).

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

1 October 2015

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](#)

The Journal - September 2015

25 September 2015

The September 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[522 KB PDF\]](#).
- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations.](#)

Start of Daylight Savings Time reminder

22 September 2015

Daylight Savings Time will commence in New Zealand from 2:00am on Sunday 27 September 2015 onwards. This means the clocks will be set forward by one hour. For example, 2:01am will become 3:01am.

Our website and online case management facility on www.iponz.govt.nz will remain available throughout this period.

Please note that tasks due on a Sunday do not abandon until the end of Monday, and applications submitted over the weekend will receive Monday as their filing date.

Decisions of the Commissioner

10 September 2015

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
999118	MEITUPIC (combined)	Xiamen Meitu Technology Co.,	Meizu Technology Co., Ltd	2015/11

Ltd

1000402	MEITUCAM (combined)	Xiamen Meitu Technology Co., Ltd	Meizu Technology Co., Ltd	2015/12
814191 and 980937	Representations only	The Coca Cola Company	PepsiCo, Inc	2015/13

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date
599896	ITSE for cancer intervention and eradication	Jiasheng Song		2015/20	10/0

Published on September 10, 2015

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Madrid Infographic for 2014

9 September 2015

IPONZ has updated its Madrid infographic to reflect 2014 International Trade Mark figures.

The infographic provides an overview of countries New Zealand businesses are choosing to expand into using the Madrid system.

Changes from 2013 are:

- The number of New Zealand businesses using the Madrid System has increased from 279 to 340 international applications;

- India has knocked the UK out of the top 10 designated countries;
- Books and Instructional Materials have fallen out of the top 5 classes, to be replaced by Entertainment, Sporting and Training Services. This is due to companies like Les Mills being high users of the Madrid system.

[View the updated infographic and read more about the International Trade Marks](#)

Enhancement to the IPONZ Case Management Facility

3 September 2015

The enhancements to the IPONZ case management facility effective today are as follows:

IPONZ has new branding

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) and the Plant Variety Rights Office (PVR) will have a new look with the release of our new visual identity over the upcoming months.

From today, newly-generated certificates and official outgoing correspondence for Trade Marks, Patents, PCT, Designs and Plant Variety Rights will have the new visual identity. The email notifications you receive from the case management facility will also incorporate the new visual identity.

Our new visual identity is designed to show IPONZ's position within the wider Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) family while providing IPONZ with a clean, crisp and easily recognisable stand-alone identity.

Over the upcoming months we will incorporate the new visual identity into other IPONZ publications, materials and the IPONZ website.

Sample versions of certificates and emails with IPONZ's new visual identity. [Click to view full screen.](#)

Update to filing a PCT national phase entry

IPONZ has updated the method of retrieving documents from WIPO when filing a PCT national phase entry application.

WIPO specifications will now be downloaded following the submission of the online application, instead of during the application process. Users will be able to preview these specifications via a link on the online application form.

The original specification or corrected specification held at WIPO will be downloaded without the search report or pamphlet.

If there have been amendments under articles 19 or 34, then these will be examined by IPONZ but they will not be part of the specifications that are automatically downloaded. Users can either provide these amendments at the time of application, or wait to respond to the examination report.

Notification of removal of agent following a change owner request

Currently when a change of owner is requested, this will automatically remove the previous agent from the case. The former agent will now receive a notification confirming their removal.

Publication date in Journal Excel report

The Excel spreadsheet of journal search results will now display the publication date of each application.

The Journal - August 2015

28 August 2015

The August 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[856 KB PDF\]](#).

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

Connect your software to the IPONZ System

18 August 2015

IPONZ offers a range of APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) that allow you to build software that connects directly to the IPONZ system.

APIs create a secure connection between different software and services so they can be accessed through one interface. Instead of having to manually copy information and documents, you can use an API to automatically pull it into the system you're using, or you can submit information directly to IPONZ without needing to use the website.

- [Learn more about IPONZ APIs](#)
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Decisions of the Commissioner

18 August 2015

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	Da
969296	DAIRY-YO	Anthony Christopher Gibbs	Westland Milk Products IP Limited and Easiyo Products Limited	2015/8	08
149111 , 173987 , 173988 , 293733 , 293734 , 316068 , 316069 , 752029 , 752033	CC'S (combined marks) and ONLY CC'S IS TASTING LIKE THESE (word marks)	Bluebird Foods Limited	Griffin's Foods Limited	2015/9	09
978184	STONEWELL (combined mark)	Actervis GmbH	Warimex Waren-Import Export Handels GmbH	2015/10	21

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title
627579	Berley dispenser	Groundbaitco Limited	Alan William Deane	2015/18
554193	Dispersion system	Brett Ashley Emeny	Quinspread Technologies Limited (in liquidation)	2015/19

Published on August 18, 2015

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The Journal - July 2015

31 July 2015

The July 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[520 KB PDF\]](#).
- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations.](#)

New IP material for small businesses

24 July 2015

IPONZ has teamed up with Business.govt.nz to offer new material explaining why, when and how small businesses should consider intellectual property. This new material is available at business.govt.nz.

As part of this collaboration we have developed an infographic showing key milestones when every business should consider IP and how to go about protecting it.

In a media statement released today Small Business Minister Craig Foss has welcomed the initiative to help small businesses better understand and protect their intellectual property.

- [Read the new IP content](#)
- [View the guide to IP milestones](#)

- [Read Minister Craig Foss's media statement](#)

Decisions of the Commissioner

16 July 2015

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
998331	CROCODILE (combined mark)	Lacoste		2015/7	26/0

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title
595304	Humidification of respiratory Cases	Resmed Limited	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Limited	2015/15
592388	Vaccine against African horse sickness virus	Merial Limited, The Regents of the University of California, and University of Pretoria	Pfizer Inc.	2015/16
554991	Kiwifruit compositions / Nutritional compositions	Vital Food Processors Limited	Anagenix Limited	2015/17

Published on July 16, 2015

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Removal of cheques as payment option for PCT International

1 July 2015

The New Zealand PCT Receiving Office (IPONZ) will not accept cheques as a payment method for PCT International applications from 1 July 2015.

IPONZ now requires direct credit payments for PCT International applications.

When a PCT International application has been filed, the client will receive an email with a summary of the fees due. The email will include the MBIE PCT Trust Account direct credit details which PCT International application fees will need to be paid into.

Last updated 10 February 2016

The Plant Variety Rights Journal

1 July 2015

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

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

Last updated 10 February 2016

The Journal - June 2015

26 June 2015

The June 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[521 KB PDF\]](#).
 - [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations.](#)
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Enhancement to the IPONZ Management facility

25 June 2015

Enhancement to the IPONZ case management facility effective today is as follows:

Export discussions to PDF

You can now generate PDF reports of discussions in your inbox or on a case. The PDF report will be emailed to you upon request.

When viewing discussions in your inbox you can generate a PDF report of all discussions or specific discussions by using the tick boxes on the left of each discussion.

Discussions

Search Discussions

68 Discussion(s)

	Title	Case Number	Case Title	User in Charge	Update Date	Creation date	Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Filing Receipt - Patent Application	700654	Opening Machine	BSC Lawyers	27 May 2015 02:46:31 p.m.	27 May 2015	Closed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Filing Receipt - Patent Application	700651	automatic clothes folder	BSC Lawyers	27 May 2015 02:39:41 p.m.	27 May 2015	Closed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Filing Receipt - Patent Application	700650	Bottle Opening Machine	BSC Lawyers	27 May 2015 02:38:20 p.m.	27 May 2015	Closed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Filing Receipt - Patent Application	700653	Pain relief	BSC Lawyers	27 May 2015 02:37:57 p.m.	27 May 2015	Closed

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Bibliographical Data	Discussions	History	Documents	
3 Discussion(s)				
Title	User in Charge	Update Date	Creation date	Status
<input type="radio"/> The application is now under examination	BSC Lawyers	27 May 2015 02:55:37 p.m.	27 May 2015	Closed
<input type="radio"/> Acknowledgement of Request for Patent Examination	BSC Lawyers	27 May 2015 02:46:31 p.m.	27 May 2015	Closed
<input type="radio"/> Filing Receipt - Patent Application	BSC Lawyers	27 May 2015 02:46:31 p.m.	27 May 2015	Closed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Get Discussion PDF Report				

Decisions of the Commissioner

11 June 2015

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in May 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
839161	PUREL (combined)	NZ New Paradise	GOJO Industries,	2015/5	4/05/2015	Class 5 Opposition

Number	Mark	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
	mark)	Limited	Inc			
964827	SIX60	Massive Entertainment Limited	ARABELLA PTE. LTD	2015/6	11/05/2015	Class 9, 16, 25 and 41 Oppos
Patents						
Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
584629	Anthelmintic formulation	Jurox Pty Limited	Bayer New Zealand Limited	2015/10	11/05/2015	Section 21 Opposition
590211	Nasal assembly	Resmed Limited	Fisher and Paykel Healthcare L	2015/11	20/05/2015	Interlocutory on section amendments during opp
602610	A Coupler	ST Couplers Limited	Doherty Engineered Attachments Limited	2015/12	27/05/2015	Section 21 Opposition (p
548647	Communication system	Roads and maritime Services	Auckland Regional Transport Authority	2015/13	28/05/2015	Section 21 Opposition (p
602143	Improvements in and relating to methods and apparatus for	MacKenzie Research Group	Pastoral Robotics Limited	2015/14	28/05/2015	Section 21 Opposition (p

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
	applying substances to an area of interest	Limited				

Last updated 10 February 2016

Published on June 11, 2015

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Decommissioning the PCT-EASY functionality of PCT-SAFE

2 June 2015

The PCT-EASY functionality of PCT-SAFE will be decommissioned as of 1 July 2015. This was announced in WIPO's [PCT Newsletter No. 04/2014](#). WIPO's contemporary fully electronic filing system ePCT is the recommended alternative to PCT-EASY. Applicants are encouraged to move to ePCT-Filing at their earliest convenience.

From 1 July the New Zealand PCT Receiving Office (IPONZ) will no longer accept any correspondence in PCT-EASY format.

Further information on ePCT-Filing is available:

- [WIPOs Guidelines for filing international applications using the ePCT system](#).

Last updated 10 February 2016

The Journal - May 2015

29 May 2015

The May 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[554 KB PDF\]](#).
- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations](#).

IPONZ closed for Queen's Birthday

29 May 2015

IPONZ will be closed for the public holiday Queen's Birthday on Monday 1 June 2015.

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- For patents and trade marks it is 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.

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- 29 May 2015 if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDT on 29 May 2015
- 2 June 2015 if they are submitted on 1 June 2015.

Feedback on our services

25 May 2015

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) is currently reviewing its services, and would like to know how you rate your most recent interaction with us.

We value your input and would like to invite you to complete our online survey to tell us whether our services met your expectations and how we could improve these services.

The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete and is open until Friday 19 June 2015.

- [Complete the survey today](#)

Last updated 10 February 2016

Decisions of the Commissioner

11 May 2015

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	Da
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851720	POWERING THE WORLD OF WORK	Hays Plc	Randstad Holding N.V.	2015/3	15/0
819009	Shape Mark	J H Whittaker	Empire Confectionery Limited	2015/4	22/0
Patents					
Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date
609571	Teatspray Mixer	Malcom Craig Burrows		2015/7	14/0
608523	Flex mechanism for connecting parts	Simon Garry Moore	Puku Limited	2015/8	14/0
586483	Synergistic Fungicidal Compositions and Methods of Use	Zelam Limited	Osrose New Zealand Limited	2015/9	29/0

Last updated 10 February 2016

Enhancements to IPONZ's Management Facility

7 May 2015

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

Search Screen Enhancements

The display of the IPONZ online search screens for Trade Marks, Patents, Designs and PVR will be updated to make navigation easier and quicker.

1. The simple search screen has been removed.

The search screens have been re-arranged and similar fields have been grouped together.

[INBOX](#) > **SEARCH TRADE MARK CASE(S)**

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

Search Criteria	
Trade Mark number (s) (incl. IRN)	<input type="text"/>
Title	You can use wildcards * and ? to broaden your search. You can use combinations of AND, OR, NOT, brackets and quotation marks to create more advanced search queries. <input type="text"/>
Vienna Classification	To search for image content you will need to use Vienna Classification Descriptors . <input type="text"/>
Classification/Status Search	
Date Search	
Trade Mark Type Search	
Client Search	

- [Clear](#) | [Save Display Settings](#) | [Show/Hide All Advanced Fields](#)

2. You can now show or hide groups of search fields.

When you click on each titled section it will expand providing you with the relevant search fields.

[INBOX](#) > **SEARCH TRADE MARK CASE(S)**

Search Criteria	
Trade Mark number (s) (incl. IRN)	<input type="text"/>
Title	<input type="text"/>
Vienna Classification	<input type="text"/>
Classification/Status Search	
Good and Services Class(es)	Nice Classification Schedule
Specification(s) of Goods/Services	Case Status Select status Live statuses
Date Search	
Trade Mark Type Search	
Customer Search	

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3. If you are logged on, you can save your display settings.

This means when you next go to search, the display layout will be the same as the last session you saved. This is specific to each IP division and IPONZ user inbox.

INBOX > SEARCH TRADE MARK CASE(S)

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Search Criteria	
Trade Mark number (s) (incl. IRN)	<input type="text"/>
Title	<input type="text"/> <small>You can use wildcards * and ? to broaden your search. You can use combinations of AND, OR, NOT, brackets and quotation marks to create more advanced search queries.</small>
Vienna Classification	<input type="text"/> <small>To search for image content you will need to use Vienna Classification Descriptors.</small>
▷ Classification/Status Search	
▷ Date Search	
▷ Trade Mark Type Search	
▷ Client Search	

- [Clear](#) | [Save Display Settings](#) | [Show/Hide All Advanced Fields](#)

4. Client search by names.

You can now search for client names directly from search screens. This allows you to complete a quick search for a client without selecting a specific ID.

E.g. Searching for “Bloggs” in the applicant/owner field will find any case with “Bloggs” somewhere in the applicant/owner name i.e. Joe Bloggs, Bloggs Cars Limited, Joe Bloggs and Jane Bloggs Incorporated.

You will need to use wildcards (*) if you wish to find Bloggs as part of a name. e.g. search Bloggs* to find Bloggsenhal.

You can use brackets, quotations and AND/OR functionality are in these fields.

To search for specific Client IDs click select on the right side of the Client Search section.

Client Search			
Applicant / Owner Name	<input type="text"/>	Applicant / Owner ID	Select
Case Contact Name	<input type="text"/>	Case Contact ID	Select
Agent / Local Representative Name	<input type="text"/>	Agent / Local Representative ID	Select
International Representative Name	<input type="text"/>	International Representative ID	Select
Client Reference	<input type="text"/>		

- [Clear](#) | [Save Display Settings](#) | [Show/Hide All Advanced Fields](#)

Further enhancements

Additional document types available for trade mark and patent tasks

You will now be able to upload additional document types in the following tasks:

1. Respond to Examination Report - Objection response section

- Priority document
- Certified English translation of priority document

2. Respond to TM Compliance Report – Objection response section

- Evidence
- Supplementary Mark Image or Sound

Please note: For both trade mark and patent tasks you are still required to upload an objection response document.

Request Continued Processing for New Zealand Designated (NZD) trade marks

You will be able to request Continued Processing via the IPONZ case management facility for refused NZDs.

This option can be found under Maintain and International Registration Designating NZ (NZD) in your user inbox.

Uploading of New Zealand Patent Records

1 May 2015

Records of New Zealand patents/patent applications published from 1861 to 1879 and from 1891 to 1979, have now been digitised and uploaded into the IPONZ online patent system. The collection does not include patents published in the period 1880 to 1890, as patents from that era were not in a format that could be digitised economically.

Each entry is derived from:

- the abstract printed in the Patent Office Journal from 1912 to 1979 (POJ 1207),
- the "Supplements to the NZ Gazette" from 1890 to 1912, or
- earlier compilations - published by order of the New Zealand Parliament - of New Zealand patents issued between 1861 and 1879.

The patent records of this collection may be searched using the Search Patent/Search Patent Case(s) facility of the IPONZ online system. Please note that only a few data fields are populated in these older records. A case will not be found by a search involving a field for data that has not been entered.

We are presently digitising copies of the patent specifications for these records and these will be loaded into the system as readable pdf documents linked to the case record.

- [Read more on the technical details regarding these records and how to search for them](#)

NZIPA-IPONZ World IP Day Seminar

30 April 2015

The New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys Inc. (NZIPA) and the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) would like to invite you to a free public seminar in celebration of World IP Day. The entertaining and enlightening panel discussion features some of New Zealand's leading experts in the music IP field.

Speakers:

- Andrew Fagan (Singer/songwriter from The Mockers). Andrew has vast experience in creating original music.
- Dr Graeme Downes (Senior Lecturer in Contemporary Rock Music, University of Otago). Graeme has experience providing musicological opinions in copyright cases.
- Kevin Glover (Barrister, Shortland Chambers). Kevin practises in the area of commercial disputes and has particular expertise in intellectual property. He has also lectured on copyright law for the University of Auckland Masters of Law degree.

Topics of discussion will include:

- Does New Zealand do enough to protect musicians' intellectual property?
- What can a musician do if they become aware of someone making unauthorised use of their intellectual property?
- What types of music IP cases have you been involved in?
- Are online subscription services good news for musicians?

Date: Wednesday 27 May 2015

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Venue: Victoria University of Wellington, Faculty of Law

Government Buildings, Lecture Theatre 1 (GBLT1) Rear Courtyard, 55 Lambton Quay Wellington.

There is no charge to attend and RSVPs are essential.

Please RSVP to the [NZIPA Secretary](#) by Friday 22 May 2015.

The Journal - April 2015

24 April 2015

The April 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information \[533 KB PDF\]](#).
 - [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations](#).
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Anzac Day closure 2015

20 April 2015

IPONZ's office will be closed for the holiday observed for ANZAC day, Monday 27 April 2015.

Our website will remain available throughout this period.

Please note the following important considerations:

- If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on 27 April 2015, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed by 28 April 2015.
- For patents and trade marks it is 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.
- If a patent or design application is submitted online between 25 April 2015 and 27 April 2015 the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date (28 April 2015). If an invention or design is disclosed before the 28 April 2015, then the patent or design may be invalid if granted or registered.

Your online applications will receive an official filing date of:

- 24 April 2015 if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDT on 24 April 2015.
- 28 April 2015 if they are submitted on 27 April 2015.

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Decisions of the Commissioner

13 April 2015

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
848087 & 848088	TOMTOM and TOMTOM (combined mark)	TomTom International B.V.	TomTom Communications Limited and Gaylene Ruth Hosking	2015/2

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title
528271	Sealing apparatus	Sealing Technology Limited	Tetra Pak CPS (NZ) Ltd	2015/2

613240	Injectable antibiotic formulations and their methods of use	Bayer New Zealand Limited		2015/3
858295	Headgear assembly for a respiratory mask assembly	ResMed Limited	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Limited	2015/4
608552	Recirculating continuous storage apparatus	REC Equipment Limited	SCL Design Limited	2015/5
570591	Anthelmintic compositions	Intervet International B.V.	Jurox Pty Limited	2015/6

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The Plant Variety Rights Journal

1 April 2015

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](#)

New Technical Questionnaires

The following technical questionnaires are now available on the IPONZ website:

- Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*)
- Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*)

[View the PVR technical questionnaires page.](#)

Easter holidays 2015

30 March 2015

IPONZ will be closed for business over the Easter holiday period from 5:00pm Thursday 2 April 2015 and will reopen 8.30am Tuesday 7 April 2015.

The website will remain available throughout this period.

Please note the following important considerations:

- If the deadline for filing an application or document falls in the period from 3 April 2015 to 7 April 2015, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed by 7 April 2015.
- For patents and trade marks it is 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.
- If a patent or design application is submitted online over the Easter holiday period (3 April 2015 to 5 April 2015), the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date (7 April 2015). If an invention or design is disclosed before the 7 April 2015, then the patent or design may be invalid if granted or registered.

Your online applications will receive an official filing date of:

- 2 April 2015 if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDT on 2 April 2015.
- 7 April 2015 if they are submitted between 3 April 2015 and 7 April 2015.

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The Journal - March 2015

27 March 2015

The March 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information](#) [536 KB PDF].
 - [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations.](#)
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Decisions of the Commissioner

13 March 2015

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
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819001	UL REGISTERED FIRM (combined - certification)	UL LLC		2015/46	23/02/2015	
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Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
570553	Peptide sequences for use in influenza vaccines	PepTcell Limited	Immune Targeting Systems (ITS) Limited	2015/1	02/02/2015	Section 21 Opposition

Last updated 10 February 2016

Electronic Payment Now Available for PCT

3 March 2015

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ) has introduced a new payment option for PCT International applications.

Electronic payment is now available for PCT International applications.

Why should I make electronic payments?

Because:

- it will save you time, paper and courier fees;
- it is convenient – you can make your payment anywhere – anytime;
- you'll have certainty the payment has been made straight away without any delay.

How can I make electronic payments?

Once you have filed a PCT International application you will receive an email with the summary of the fees due. The email will also include MBIE PCT Trust Account details into which you will need to pay your fee by direct credit.

The Journal

27 February 2015

The February 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [General Information](#) [858 KB PDF].

- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations.](#)
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Electronic Payment Available for PCT – 2 March 2015

18 February 2015

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- it is convenient – you can make your payment anywhere – anytime; and
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How can I make electronic payments?

When you file a PCT International application you will be given instructions to make payments by direct credit into the MBIE PCT Trust Account.

Patent attorney exams 2015 - Dates and deadlines

16 February 2015

Applications to sit the patent attorney exams are due on Friday 10 April 2015.

New Zealand Patent Attorney Examinations will be held on Tuesday 30 June to Thursday 2 July 2015.

- [Read more about the exams.](#)
 - [Read more about the patent attorney examination syllabus for 2015.](#)
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PVR paper: Naming and trading for cultivars

12 February 2015

Chris Barnaby, Assistant Commissioner of Plant Variety Rights, has written a paper which has been published in New Zealand Garden Journal, December 2014, Volume 17(2)

“Naming and trading for cultivars” provides explanation and insight into the complexities of naming cultivars and their use in the commercial trading of plants. Commercial horticulture and agriculture is reliant on the production of new cultivars. In order that these cultivars and products can be effectively traded their accurate identification and naming is important.

The paper is reproduced with the permission of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.).

[Read the full article](#)

WIPO Roving Seminars – 5 and 6 March 2015

10 February 2015

Don't miss this special opportunity to learn directly from senior WIPO experts.

IPONZ is delighted to announce the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will be coming to New Zealand as part of its worldwide series of roving seminars.

These seminars are invaluable for anyone with an interest in global intellectual property protection and doing business internationally. We encourage the attendance of New Zealand businesses who use intellectual property internationally (or are thinking about it), Patent Attorneys, intellectual property professionals, researchers, academics, innovators and technology transfer representatives.

Learn about the latest intellectual property trends, practical tips and issues.

In addition Callaghan Innovation will be providing a talk on accelerating the commercialisation of innovation in New Zealand.

2.75 CPD points are available to New Zealand Practicing Lawyers.

Auckland - Thursday 5 March 2015

9.30am – 12.30pm: seminar presentations including Q&A

12.30pm – 1.30pm: networking lunch

Heritage Auckland

35 Hobson Street

Auckland

Wellington - Friday 6 March 2015

9.30am – 12.30pm: seminar presentations including Q&A

12.30pm – 1.30pm: networking lunch

MBIE

15 Stout Street

Wellington

6011

Places are limited so register early to avoid missing out.

[RSVP through our online registration form.](#)

More information:

- [Read the seminar programme \[206 KB PDF\]](#)
- [Learn more about the speakers \[232 KB PDF\]](#)

Enhancements to IPONZ's Case Management Facility

5 February 2015

Update to the provisional closed discussion

Once you have filed your patent application with a provisional specification you have 15 months to file a complete specification. IPONZ notifies you through a discussion when this period has expired. This discussion will now include information on complete application(s) which are linked to the provisional application.

Change goods and services option for international trade marks

You can now use the 'Change goods and services' option for International Registrations designating New Zealand (NZD). This will be available under 'Maintain an International Registration Designating NZ (NZD)'.

Superusers can now delete member users

An IPONZ superuser can now delete member users from their organisation. This allows a deleted member to reuse their personal RealMe login on the IPONZ website as part of another organisation or as an individual.

[Read more on viewing, changing or deleting a user](#)

Appointment of Patents Māori Advisory Committee Members

4 February 2015

IPONZ is pleased to announce the appointment of three Patents Māori advisory committee (Patents MAC) members:

- Professor Pare Keiha has been appointed as Chair of the Patents MAC. Pare has a background that spans both academic and commercial environments. He is currently the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Maori Advancement, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Learning and Teaching and Dean/Tumaki of Te Ara Poutama, the Faculty of Māori & Indigenous Advancement, at AUT University.
- Ms Karen Te-O-Kahurangi Waaka is the Chair of the Trade Marks Māori advisory committee and a member of the Māori Trade Marks Focus Group. Karen has extensive experience in Māori tourism.
- Mr Baden Vertongen is a barrister and solicitor specialising in Māori law. Baden is also an associate member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors.

The Patents MAC was established under the Patents Act 2013 that commenced on 13 September 2014. The function of the Committee is provide advice to the Commissioner of Patents on whether commercial exploitation of an invention that involves the use of Māori traditional knowledge or indigenous flora and fauna would be likely to be contrary to Māori values. The advice of the Patent MAC is non-binding and will be provided when required on specific patent applications.

IPONZ closed for Waitangi Day – Friday 6 February 2015

3 February 2015

IPONZ will be closed for business on Waitangi Day, Friday 6 February 2015

The website will remain available throughout this period.

Please note the following important considerations:

- If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on 6 February 2015, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed by 9 February 2015.
- For patents and trade marks it is 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.
- If a patent or design application is submitted online between 6 February 2015 and 8 February 2015 the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date (9 February 2015). If an invention or design is disclosed before the 9 February 2015, then the patent or design may be invalid if granted or registered.

Your online applications will receive an official filing date of:

- 5 February 2015 if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDT on 5 February 2015.
- 9 February 2015 if they are submitted on 6, 7 or 8 February 2015.

The Journal - January 2015

30 January 2015

The January 2015 edition of the Journal is now available.

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

- [Patent, Trade Mark and Design applications and registrations](#)
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Decisions of the Commissioner

29 January 2015

Decisions of the Commissioner issued in December 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
848095	ETEC CROP SOLUTIONS	Etec Crop Solutions Limited	EuroChem Agro GmbH	2014/49	11/12/2014	Classes 1, 35 and 44 Opposition

Patents

Number	Title	First Party	Second Party	Document Title	Date of Decision	Subject
548445	Systems, methods, interfaces and software for extending search results beyond initial query-defined boundaries	Thomson Reuters Global Resources	CPA Global Limited	2014/36	15/12/2014	Section 21 Opposition (Public Interest Decision)

548804	Systems, methods, interfaces and software for automated collection and integration of entity data into online databases and professional directories	Thomson Reuters Global Resources	CPA Global Limited	2014/37	16/12/2014	Section 21 Opposition (Public Interest Decision)
567455	Systems, methods, and software for hyperlinking names	Thomson Reuters Global Resources	CPA Global Limited	2014/38	16/12/2014	Section 21 Opposition (Public Interest Decision)
571889	Systems, methods, software and interfaces for integration of case law with legal briefs, litigation documents, and/or other litigation-support documents	Thomson Reuters Global Resources	CPA Global Limited	2014/39	16/12/2014	Section 21 Opposition (Public Interest Decision)
572534	Rotary platforms	Rotary platforms NZ Limited	Delaval Limited	2014/40	16/12/2014	Section 21 Opposition

IPONZ closed for Wellington Anniversary Day - 19 January 2015

16 January 2015

IPONZ's office will be closed for business on Wellington Anniversary Day, Monday 19 January 2015.

Our website will remain available throughout this period.

Please note the following important considerations:

- If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on 19 January 2015, then the application or document will be filed on time if filed by 20 January 2015.
- For patents and trade marks it is 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.
- If a patent or design application is submitted online between 17 January 2015 and 19 January 2015 the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date (20 January 2015). If an invention or design is disclosed before the 20 January 2015, then the patent or design may be invalid if granted or registered.

Your online applications will receive an official filing date of:

- 16 January 2015 if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDT on 16 January 2015.
- 20 January 2015 if they are submitted on 19 January 2015.

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The Plant Variety Rights Journal

5 January 2015

The latest quarterly edition of the Journal is now available.

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

Update to PCT International fees - 1 January

1 January 2015

The PCT International fees will be updated on 1 January 2015.

[View the current fees](#)