

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS BECOME LESS EXPENSIVE

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Effective May 1, 2009, the European Community trademark office, part of the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), eliminated its 850 Euro (approx. US\$1,200) registration fee that applicants were required to pay in order for their approved applications to issue to registration. OHIM raised the initial application filing fee from 750 Euros to 900 Euros on May 1, 2009, but that still represents a 700 Euro decrease in official fees for a Community Trademark (CTM) registration.

The CTM registration presently covers 27 European countries with about three more candidate countries expected to join in the near future.