

Community Trade Mark Application Timeline

Community Trade Marks, which cover the entire EU, are administered by the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM).

The timeline below gives approximate timescale to achieve registration in a straightforward case, in the absence of objections or oppositions.

Time (months)	
0	File Community trade mark application, examination as to formalities.
6 - 8	Examination on absolute grounds only; national search reports issue if these have been requested on application; OHIM issue search report of CTM register.
9	Acceptance of application where no objections raised and publication for opposition purposes.
12	OHIM request payment of the registration fee.
16 - 18	Registration certificate issues.
Community Trade Mark Registrations last indefinitely provided use criteria met, with renewal fees payable every 10 years.	

A Community trade mark registration will cover the following EU Member States, and extends to cover new Member States as and when they join:

Austria	Finland	Latvia	Romania	Candidate countries:
Belgium	France	Lithuania	Slovakia	
Bulgaria	Germany	Luxembourg	Slovenia	Croatia
Cyprus	Greece	Malta	Spain	
Czech Rep.	Hungary	Netherlands	Sweden	Turkey
Denmark	Ireland	Poland	UK	Macedonia
Estonia	Italy	Portugal		

This timeline is for guidance only, and the actual deadlines will vary from case to case.