



The Diplomacy of Hermes in Action

2nd Session: BREXIT Update

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Abstract

As from the Brexit referendum all the user's associations started to consider the potential effects that the Brexit would have in connection with IP rights.

A Joint Statement containing the points on which there was a general agreement was sent to the European Commission on March 23, 2018.

In the meantime, on September 6, 2017, the European Commission issued a Position paper on Intellectual property rights (including geographical indications) containing the main principles of the EU position in this regard, to be presented to the UK in the context of negotiations under Art. 50.

On December 1st, 2017 with a revision of January 22nd, 2018, in a Notice to the Stakeholders, the European Commission along with the EUIPO published a Preparedness Note on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom and EU rules for trademarks and Community Designs pursuant to regulation (EU) 2017/1001 on the European Union Trade mark and Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 on Community Designs

On January 18, 2018, the EUIPO published in its website a list of Questions and Answers on the Brexit.

On February 28, 2018: the European Commission published a Draft Withdrawal Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community setting the arrangements for the withdrawal.

A review of the above texts along with the conclusion on ECTA position on the main topics will be developed in the session.