

Brexit and comparable UK rights: how comparable is comparable?



Scope of presentation

- UKTM v EUTM
- Oppositions
- CRD v UKRD
- Opting out
- AFS/representation
- "Priority"

Jargon and statistics

- "Comparable" = "cloned"
- Comparable in a broader sense?
- Number of trade marks and designs cloned onto the UK registers: over 2 million
- Those tricky registration numbers

Comparison between EUTM and UKTM

- Examination
- Series marks
- Ex parte hearings (telephone)
- Publication
- Term
- Renewal term calculation
- Scope
- Extent of electronic communication/online data
- Infringement rights (starting date)
- Non-use term calculation (starting date)

Comparison between EUIPO and UKIPO oppositions

- Dates
- Extension
- Forms
- Grounds
- Chronology, including cooling off period
- Evidence, including proof of use
- Submissions
- Hearings (video/in person)
- Costs
- Appeals
- UK oppositions based on EUTMs

Comparison between CRD and UK registered design

- Maximum number of designs and views per application
- Ability to combine designs with different Locarno classification in the same multiple application
- Term
- Renewal term calculation
- Scope
- Extent of electronic communication/data
- Infringement rights (starting date)
- Post-registration invalidation

What if your client does not want its clone(s)?

- Opt out now (form)
- Or do not renew
- Contractual reasons?
- Worth maintaining due to defence to claim of infringement?

Address for service/representation at the UKIPO

- 3-year grace period
- New matters (definition)
- Circumventions

EUTM applications pending at 1 January 2021

- "Priority" term
- Simple exercise
- No additional official fees
- Designs



Dank u wel!

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