

**COMMUNITY TRADE MARK APPLICATIONS: PRIORITY CLAIMS
FROM US APPLICATIONS**

The Community Trade Mark Office has indicated that, generally speaking, it is no longer necessary, when filing a Community Trade Mark application, to provide certified copies of US applications from which priority is claimed.

It is sufficient, in order to support the claim to priority, to provide a copy of the US application obtained from the US PTO Web site.

From 1 October 2001, we will obtain and file appropriate copies of the prior US application at the Community Trade Mark Office when filing Community Trade Mark applications claiming priority from a US application. Hence, after this date it will no longer be necessary for you to supply us, with a certified copy of the US application from which priority is claimed, unless we specifically request it.

The information in this Newsletter was correct at the date of release. More up to date information is available by contacting Eric Potter Clarkson. All comments contained here are of a general nature and full professional advice should be sought on any specific problem.

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