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# United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 97120164

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Reference/Docket No. N/A

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#### NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within <u>six months</u> of the issue date below or the application will be <u>abandoned</u>. Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears at the end of this Office action.

**Issue date:** August 24, 2022

#### Introduction

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

#### **Summary of Issues**

- Search Results No Conflicting Marks Found
- Specimen-Refusal
- Domicile Address-Amendment Required
- · Consent Not Needed
- Advisory Regarding Hiring Trademark Counsel

#### **Search Results - No Conflicting Marks Found**

The trademark examining attorney has searched the USPTO database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); TMEP §704.02.

#### **Specimen-Refusal**

**Specimen does not show use of the mark in commerce.** Registration is refused because the specimen does not show the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce in International Class 041. Trademark Act Sections 1 and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§1051, 1127; 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a), 1301.04(g)(i). An application based on Trademark Act Section 1(a) must include a specimen showing the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce for each international class of services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1); 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a).

Specifically, the specimen does not show use of the mark in commerce because the submitted specimen shows a website, but this website is not publicly available.

**Examples of specimens.** Specimens for services must show a direct association between the mark and the services and include: (1) copies of advertising and marketing material, (2) a photograph of business signage or billboards, or (3) materials showing the mark in the sale, rendering, or advertising of the services. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(2), (c); TMEP §1301.04(a), (h)(iv)(C). Any webpage printout or screenshot submitted as a specimen must include the webpage's URL and the date it was accessed or printed on the specimen itself, within the TEAS form that submits the specimen, or in a verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §2.20 or 28 U.S.C. §1746 in a later-filed response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(c); TMEP §§904.03(i), 1301.04(a).

**Response options.** Applicant may respond to this refusal by satisfying one of the following for each applicable international class:

(1) Submit a different specimen (a verified "substitute" specimen) that (a) was in actual use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of an amendment to allege use and (b) shows the mark in actual use in commerce for the services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. A "verified substitute specimen" is a specimen that is accompanied by the following statement made in a signed affidavit or supported by a declaration under 37 C.F.R. \\$2.20: "The substitute (or new, or originally submitted, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of the amendment to allege use." The substitute specimen cannot be

accepted without this statement.

(2) Amend the filing basis to intent to use under Section 1(b) (which includes withdrawing an amendment to allege use, if one was filed), as no specimen is required before publication. This option will later necessitate additional fee(s) and filing requirements, including a specimen.

For an overview of the response options referenced above and instructions on how to satisfy these options using the online Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, see the Specimen webpage.

#### **Domicile Address-Amendment Required**

**Applicant must clarify its domicile street address** because the domicile address of record is for a third-party commercial mail receiving agency and does not appear to be applicant's permanent legal place of residence or principal place of business. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.11(b), 2.189; TMEP §601.01(b)(1). A domicile address must identify either (1) the permanent legal place of residence, which is the place an individual applicant resides and intends to be the applicant's principal home; or (2) the principal place of business, which is the juristic applicant's headquarters where its senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the entity's activities. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.2(o)-(p); TMEP §803.05(a).

Applications must include an applicant's domicile address because such domicile determines whether an applicant is required to have a U.S.-licensed attorney represent it before the USPTO. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.11(a), 2.32(a)(2); TMEP §§601, 803.05. An applicant whose domicile is located outside of the United States or its territories must be represented at the USPTO by an attorney who is an active member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a U.S. state or territory. 37 C.F.R. §2.11(a); TMEP §601.01(a).

In this case, the application lists applicant as a juristic entity and specifies applicant's domicile address as follows: 340 S. Lemon Ave. #7133, Walnut, CA 91789-2706. This address has been identified as a commercial mail receiving agency by the U.S. Postal Service Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS) and thus does not appear to be applicant's headquarters where its senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the entity's activities. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.2(o)-(p); TMEP §601.01(b)(1). A commercial mail receiving agency is a private business that accepts mail from the U.S. Postal Service on behalf of third parties.

**Response options.** Applicant must provide its domicile street address. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.32(a)(2), 2.189; TMEP §803.05. Alternatively, applicant may provide (1) documentation showing that the listed U.S. domicile address is, in fact, applicant's domicile, or (2) a detailed explanation supporting that applicant has no fixed physical address. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.11(b); TMEP §§601.01(b)-(b)(1), 803.05.

If applicant amends the application to list a domicile street address located outside of the United States or its territories, applicant must appoint a U.S.-licensed attorney qualified under 37 C.F.R. §11.14 as its representative before the application may proceed to registration. See 37 C.F.R. §2.11(a); TMEP §601.01(a). See Hiring a U.S.-licensed trademark attorney for more information. However, if applicant establishes its domicile street address is located within the United States or its territories, applicant is not required to appoint a qualified U.S.-licensed attorney. See TMEP §601.01(b).

To provide applicant's domicile street address. After opening the correct Trademark Electronic

Application System (TEAS) response form and entering the serial number, (1) answer "yes" to question 5 and click "Continue;" (2) on the "Owner Information" page, in the "Domicile Address" field, uncheck the box stating the domicile and mailing address are not the same; and (3) below the checkbox provide applicant's domicile street address. Applicant's domicile street address will be hidden from public view if it is entered into the "Domicile Address" field. However, any street address listed in the "Mailing Address" field will be publicly viewable.

**To provide documentation to support a U.S. domicile address.** Applicant should provide the most recent documentation showing that the address is the applicant's business headquarters, for example one of the following: (1) the most recent final annual or quarterly report or other similar report; or (2) a current, valid signed rental, lease, or mortgage agreement for office space. TMEP §601.01(b)-(b)(1); see 37 C.F.R. §2.11(b). Submitted documentation must show the name, listed domicile address, and the date of the document but should redact other personal and financial information.

To provide this documentation, open the correct TEAS response form and enter the serial number, answer "yes" to question 3, and on the "Additional Statement(s)" page, below the "Miscellaneous Statement" field, click the button below the text box to attach documentation to support the U.S. street address.

To provide a detailed explanation that applicant has no fixed physical address. If applicant has no physical headquarters where its senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the business (e.g., because the business is conducted virtually), applicant should state for the record that applicant has no fixed physical address and provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances.

To provide this explanation, open the correct TEAS response form and enter the serial number, answer "yes" to question 3, and on the "Additional Statement(s)" page, in the "Miscellaneous Statement" field, enter the referenced explanation in the text box.

**To appoint a U.S.-licensed attorney** in this application, applicant should submit a completed TEAS Change Address or Representation form. The newly-appointed attorney must submit a TEAS Response to Examining Attorney Office Action form indicating that an appointment of attorney has been made and address all other refusals or requirements in this action, if any. Alternatively, if applicant retains an attorney before filing the response, the attorney can respond to this Office action by using the appropriate TEAS response form and provide his or her attorney information in the form and sign it as applicant's attorney. See 37 C.F.R. §2.17(b)(1)(ii); TMEP §604.01.

#### **Consent Not Needed**

Applicant's statement regarding the name, portrait or signature of a living individual identified in the mark will not be published on any registration that may issue from this application. The statement is unnecessary because the mark on its face would not reasonably be perceived as the name or likeness of a specific living individual. TMEP §§813.01(b), 1206.05.

**Response guidelines**. For this application to proceed, applicant must explicitly address each refusal and/or requirement in this Office action. For a refusal, applicant may provide written arguments and evidence against the refusal, and may have other response options if specified above. For a requirement, applicant should set forth the changes or statements. Please see "Responding to Office Actions" and the informational video "Response to Office Action" for more information and tips on responding.

Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney with questions about this Office action. Although an examining attorney cannot provide legal advice, the examining attorney can provide additional explanation about the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

The USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions; however, emails can be used for informal communications and are included in the application record. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05.

#### **Advisory Regarding Hiring Trademark Counsel**

Because of the legal technicalities and strict deadlines of the trademark application process, applicant is encouraged to hire a private attorney who specializes in trademark matters to assist in this process. The assigned trademark examining attorney can provide only limited assistance explaining the content of an Office action and the application process. USPTO staff cannot provide legal advice or statements about an applicant's legal rights. TMEP §§705.02, 709.06. See Hiring a U.S.-licensed trademark attorney for more information.

How to respond. Click to file a response to this nonfinal Office action.

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#### RESPONSE GUIDANCE

- Missing the response deadline to this letter will cause the application to <u>abandon</u>. The response must be received by the USPTO before midnight **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. TEAS maintenance or <u>unforeseen circumstances</u> could affect an applicant's ability to timely respond.
- Responses signed by an unauthorized party are not accepted and can cause the application to abandon. If applicant does not have an attorney, the response must be signed by the individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant. If applicant has an attorney, the response must be signed by the attorney.
- If needed, **find** contact information for the supervisor of the office or unit listed in the signature block.

### **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**

#### **USPTO OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Office Action (Official Letter) has issued on August 24, 2022 for U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97120164

A USPTO examining attorney has reviewed your trademark application and issued an Office action. You must respond to this Office action in order to avoid your application abandoning. Follow the steps below.

- (1) Read the Office action. This email is NOT the Office action.
- (2) **Respond to the Office action by the deadline** using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Your response must be received by the USPTO on or before 11:59 p.m. **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. Otherwise, your application will be <u>abandoned</u>. See the Office action itself regarding how to respond.
- (3) **Direct general questions** about using USPTO electronic forms, the USPTO <u>website</u>, the application process, the status of your application, and whether there are outstanding deadlines to the <u>Trademark Assistance Center (TAC)</u>.

After reading the Office action, address any question(s) regarding the specific content to the USPTO examining attorney identified in the Office action.

#### GENERAL GUIDANCE

- <u>Check the status</u> of your application periodically in the <u>Trademark Status & Document Retrieval (TSDR)</u> database to avoid missing critical deadlines.
- <u>Update your correspondence email address</u> to ensure you receive important USPTO notices about your application.
- Beware of trademark-related scams. Protect yourself from people and companies that may try to take financial advantage of you. Private companies may call you and pretend to be the USPTO or may send you communications that resemble official USPTO documents to trick you. We will never request your credit card number or social security number over the phone. And all official USPTO correspondence will only be emailed from the domain "@uspto.gov." Verify the correspondence originated from us by using your Serial Number in our database, TSDR, to confirm that it appears under the "Documents" tab, or contact the Trademark Assistance Center.

• Hiring a U.S.-licensed attorney. If you do not have an attorney and are not required to have one under the trademark rules, we encourage you to hire a U.S.-licensed attorney specializing in trademark law to help guide you through the registration process. The USPTO examining attorney is not your attorney and cannot give you legal advice, but rather works for and represents the USPTO in trademark matters.

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