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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.** 97119464

**Mark:** HOMESTEAD GROW SYSTEMS

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**Reference/Docket No.** 70044-077US2

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**NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within six months of the issue date below or the application will be [abandoned](#).** 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 23, 2022

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney to resolve the issues in this Office action. Although the USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions, communication by phone or email is permissible to agree to proposed amendments to the

application that will immediately place the application in condition for publication, registration, or suspension. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.62(c); TMEP §707.

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.

### **Search Results**

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.

However, before the mark can be published for opposition, the applicant must address the following.

### **Mark Description Incomplete**

Applicant must submit an amended description of the mark because the current one is incomplete and does not describe all the significant aspects of the mark. 37 C.F.R. §2.37; *see* TMEP §§808.01, 808.02. Descriptions must be accurate and identify all the literal and design elements in the mark. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.37; TMEP §§808 *et seq.*

The following description is suggested, if accurate: The mark consists of the words "HOMESTEAD GROW SYSTEMS" **forming a partial circle** above two leaves **with a starburst design behind them and** protruding from the center of a house structure.

### **Disclaimer**

Applicant must disclaim the wording "GROW SYSTEMS" because it is merely descriptive of an ingredient, quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose, or use of applicant's goods. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(1); *DuoProSS Meditech Corp. v. Inviro Med. Devices, Ltd.*, 695 F.3d 1247, 1251, 103 USPQ2d 1753, 1755 (Fed. Cir. 2012); TMEP §§1213, 1213.03(a).

Specifically, based on the applicant's own identification of goods, the applicant's goods are GROW light for use in SYSTEMS for growing plants. *See* attached dictionary definition for "system." Thus, the wording merely describes applicant's goods.

Applicant may respond to this issue by submitting a disclaimer in the following format:

**No claim is made to the exclusive right to use "GROW SYSTEMS" apart from the mark as shown.**

For an overview of disclaimers and instructions on how to provide one using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS), *see* the [Disclaimer webpage](#).

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.

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**system** DEFINITIONS AND SYNONYMS ★★★

NOUN US 40 /ˈsɪstəm/

## WORD FORMS

## DEFINITIONS 3

**1** COUNTABLE a set of connected things that work together for a particular purpose*a central heating system**I decided to install a security system to prevent any break-ins.**the capital's inadequate public transportation system*

## Collocations and examples

## Verbs frequently used with system

build

design

develop

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## OTHER ENTRIES FOR THIS WORD

ABO system NOUN

end system NOUN

list system NOUN

open system NOUN

system disk NOUN

binary system NOUN

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Synonyms and related words

Collections, stores and sets of things

agglomeration                      arsenal


assemblage                          ...

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**1a** a set of organs, tubes, etc. in your body that work together

**cardiovascular/circulatory system:** *First, check that the circulatory system is working properly.*

Synonyms and related words



**1b** a set of pieces of equipment or computer programs that work together

*a new computer system*

*The magazine is produced using a desktop publishing system.*


**system requirements** (=the type of software, hardware, and the amount of memory needed to operate a program): *The system requirements for this program are listed below.*

Synonyms and related words

NOW STREAMING  
**HBOMAX** SIGN UP NOW  
PLANS START AT \$9.99/MONTH

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**2** COUNTABLE/UNCOUNTABLE: a method of organizing or doing things

*a legal/educational/political system*

*a two-party/multiparty system*

*the criminal justice system*

**system for:** *They are introducing a very sophisticated system for delivering information.*

**system of:** *a democratic system of government*

**system to:** *There is simply no system to the way Joshua works.*

Collocations and examples



Synonyms and related words



**2a** the system rules that decide how a society, country, or organization should operate and that cannot be changed even though they seem unfair to you

*You can't beat the system.*

Synonyms and related words



**3** your body considered as a set of connected organs, tubes, etc.

*Lack of sleep can be hard on the system.*

Synonyms and related words



PHRASES

all systems go  
get someone/something out of your system

SEE ALSO

immune system

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TRENDING WORDS

SYNONYMS OF THE MONTH

NB

45.8%

lay the blame / responsibility  
(for something) on

NEW

for

-6.6%

take on


12.7%

put off

-3.5%

Discover →

gift



present  
token  
largesse

surprise  
package  
treat

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**U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97119464**

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 **[abandoned](#)**. See the Office action itself regarding how to respond.
- (3) **Direct general questions** about using USPTO electronic forms, the USPTO **[website](#)**, the application process, the status of your application, and whether there are outstanding deadlines to the **[Trademark Assistance Center \(TAC\)](#)**.

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

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- **[Check the status](#) of your application periodically** in the **[Trademark Status & Document Retrieval \(TSDR\)](#)** database to avoid missing critical deadlines.
- **[Update your correspondence email address](#)** 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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