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**REQUEST FOR A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
OF A TRADEMARK****Your name, address and telephone number****Trademark to be examined** (as separate enclosure, if necessary)**Goods and/or services to be examined, by class**

Type of examination (please tick appropriately)

COMPREHENSIVE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONWord mark Figurative mark Mark consisting of words and images **LIMITED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**Search for identical word marks Search for confusingly similar word marks Search in respect of distinctive character Please send my order by post (invoice enclosed)

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REQUEST FOR A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF A TRADEMARK

We conduct the following optional preliminary trademark examinations. We cannot guarantee that the mark will be registrable even if no obstacles are found in the preliminary examination. International registrations under the Madrid Protocol or Community trademarks covering the European Community are included in the preliminary examination in so far as the Trademarks Office has been informed about the registrations.

COMPREHENSIVE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (registrability)

Preliminary examination of a word mark

Preliminary examination of a figurative mark

Preliminary examination of a mark consisting of words and images

The registrability of a mark is examined by establishing

- which marks in a specified class, entered in the Trademark Register or sought for entry before a given date, are confusingly similar to the mark being examined;
- which company names in a corresponding line of business that are entered in the Trade Register are confusingly similar to the mark being examined;
- are there surnames currently in use in Finland which seem to constitute an obstacle to the mark being examined;
- does the trademark seem to lack distinctive character or be descriptive in respect of certain goods or services;
- has an identical or a similar mark been sought for entry or entered in the List of Trademarks with a Reputation.

LIMITED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (focuses on certain special aspects of the mark)

Search for identical word marks

In searches for identical word marks, we check whether word marks identical with the mark being examined have been entered in the Trademark Register in a specified class or sought for entry before a given date.

Confusingly similar word marks

The examination covers the following questions:

- which marks in a specified class, entered in the Trademark Register or sought for entry before a given date, seem to be confusingly similar to the mark being examined;
- which company names in a corresponding line of business that are entered in the Trade Register are confusingly similar to the mark being examined;
- are there surnames currently in use in Finland which seem to constitute an obstacle to the mark being examined;
- has an identical or a similar mark been sought for entry or entered in the List of Trademarks with a Reputation.

Assessment of the distinctive character of a mark

We conduct a reference book search to establish if the trademark seems to lack distinctive character or is descriptive in respect of certain goods or services.