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## CTM Reduction in Fees

Following OHIM's recent confirmation that the official fees for Community Trade Marks are to be reduced by approximately 40%, OHIM has this week indicated that the new fee structure will be implemented in early May 2009 (the exact date has yet to be fixed).

From that date, the official registration fee (currently €850) will be abolished and the official application fee will increase from €750 to €900, resulting in an overall reduction of €700.

Under the transitional provisions, owners of pending Community Trade Mark Applications, for which a request for payment of the registration fee is not issued before the new fee structure is implemented, will not be required to pay any official registration fee.

It therefore follows that new Community Trade Mark Applications filed between now and early May will be subject to even lower official fees than those filed after the new fee structure is implemented.

We would therefore advise that new Community Trade Mark Applications should be filed in March or April to take maximum advantage of the lower official fees.

	Official Application Fee	Official Registration Fee	Total Official Fees
Previous fee structure	€750	€850	€1600
<b><i>Applications filed before early May</i></b>	<b>€750</b>	<b>€0</b>	<b>€750</b>
Applications filed after early May	€900	€0	€900