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Part 1

Section 1 General provisions

Pursuant to the provisions of this Act persons and enterprises may obtain an exclusive right to trade marks (trade mark right). Trade marks mean distinctive signs for goods or services being used or intended to be used by a commercial enterprise.

Section 2 Signs of which a trade mark may consist

(1) A trade mark may consist of any sign capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one enterprise from those of other enterprises and capable of being represented graphically, in particular:

- (i) words and word combinations, including slogans, personal names, company names or names of real property;
- (ii) letters and numerals;
- (iii) pictures and designs; or
- (iv) the shape, equipment or packaging of the goods.

(2) A trade mark right shall not be obtained for signs which consist exclusively of either a shape which results from the nature of the goods themselves, a shape of the goods which is necessary to obtain a technical result or a shape which gives substantial value to the goods.

Section 3 Establishing a trade mark right

(1) A trade mark right may be established either:

- (i) by registration of a trade mark in accordance with the rules of this Act for the goods or services comprised by the registration; or
- (ii) by commencement of use of a trade mark in this country for the goods or services for which the trade mark has commenced to be used and for which it is continuously used.

(2) Use of a trade mark which according to its nature is excluded from registration shall not establish any trade mark right.

(3) If the trade mark is devoid of the required distinctive character at the commencement of use, the right shall only be established when and if a distinctive character is created by the use of the mark.

Section 4 Contents of the trade mark right

(1) The proprietor of a trade mark right shall be entitled to prohibit any person not having his consent from using any sign in the course of

trade if:

(i) the sign is identical with the trade mark, and the goods or services for which the sign has been put to use are identical with the goods or services for which the trade mark is protected; or

(ii) the sign is identical with or similar to the trade mark, and the goods or services are identical or similar, if there exists a likelihood of confusion including a likelihood of association with the trade mark.

(2) Irrespective of the limitation in subsection (1) to goods or services being identical or similar, the proprietor of the trade mark shall be entitled to prohibit the use of the trade mark also in relation to goods or services which are not identical or similar if the trade mark has a reputation in this country and the use would take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or the repute of the trade mark.

(3) Use in the course of trade means in particular:

(i) affixing the sign to the goods or to the packaging thereof;

(ii) offering the goods for sale, putting them on the market or stocking them for these purposes under that sign or offering or rendering services thereunder;

(iii) importing or exporting the goods under that sign; or

(iv) using the sign on business papers and in advertising.

Section 5 Limitation of the rights of the proprietor

The proprietor of a trade mark right shall not be entitled to prohibit others from using, in the course of trade and in accordance with honest practices in industrial or commercial matters:

(i) his own name and his own address;

(ii) indications concerning the kind, quality, quantity, intended purpose, value or geographical origin of the goods or services, the time of production of the goods or of rendering the services or other characteristics of the goods or services; or

(iii) the trade mark where it is necessary for the indication of the intended purpose of the goods or services, in particular as accessories or spare parts.

Section 6 Exhaustion

(1) The proprietor of a trade mark right shall not be entitled to prohibit the use of the trade mark in relation to goods which have been put on the market within the European Communities under that trade mark by the

proprietor himself or with his consent.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply if there are legitimate reasons for the proprietor to oppose further commercialisation of the goods, especially where the condition of the goods has been changed or impaired after they have been put on the market.

Section 7 Conflicting rights

If two or more parties individually claim a trade mark right to the same or similar signs, the right which has arisen first shall have priority, unless otherwise provided for in the following sections. A registered right shall be deemed to have arisen on the date of filing of the application for registration, cf. section 12, or on the date from which priority is claimed pursuant to the rules of section 18 or 19.

Section 8

A later right to a registered trade mark may co-exist with an earlier right to a confusingly similar trade mark, provided that the application for registration was filed in good faith and that the proprietor of the earlier right has been aware of and tolerated the use in this country of the later right for a period of five successive years.

Section 9

A later right to a trade mark may also co-exist with an earlier right to a confusingly similar trade mark, if the proprietor of the earlier right has not, within a reasonable time, taken the necessary steps to prevent the use of the later trade mark.

Section 10

(1) In the cases referred to in sections 8 and 9, the proprietor of a later trade mark shall not be entitled to prohibit the use of an earlier trade mark even if the proprietor of the earlier trade mark may no longer invoke his right against the later trade mark.

(2) In the cases referred to in section 9, it may, if found reasonable, be decided that one or both of the trade marks may only be used in a special manner, for example in a particular shape or with the addition of an indication of locality.

Section 11 Reproduction of a trade mark in dictionaries, etc.

(1) In encyclopaedias, handbooks, textbooks or similar publications of

professional nature the author, editor and publisher shall, at the request of the proprietor of a registered trade mark, ensure that the trade mark is not reproduced without an indication to the effect that it is a registered trade mark.

(2) If any party fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (1), he shall be liable to pay the costs of publishing a correcting notice in the manner found reasonable.

Part 2

Section 12 Registration of trade marks

(1) An application for the registration of a trade mark shall be filed with the Patent and Trademark Office. The application shall contain a reproduction of the trade mark and state the applicant's name or company. Furthermore, the goods or services in respect of which registration of the trade mark is applied for shall be stated.

(2) The application shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions laid down pursuant to section 48. The prescribed fee shall accompany the application.

(3) The Patent and Trademark Office shall keep a register of trade marks. The Office shall publish registrations, etc.

Section 13 Grounds for refusal

(1) For a trade mark to be registered it shall be of the nature referred to in section 2, including having a distinctive character.

(2) The following trade marks shall not be registered:

(i) trade marks which consist exclusively of signs or indications which may serve, in trade, to designate the kind, quality, quantity, intended purpose, value or geographical origin of the goods or services, the time of production of the goods or of rendering the services or other characteristics of the goods or services;

(ii) trade marks which consist exclusively of signs or indications which are customary in the current language or in the established practices of the trade to designate the goods or services.

(3) Irrespective of the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) a trade mark may be registered if it has acquired a distinctive character prior to the filing of the application in consequence of the use which has been made thereof.

Section 14

Furthermore, the following shall not be registered:

(i) trade marks which are contrary to law, public order or morality;

(ii) trade marks which are liable to deceive the public, for instance as to the nature, quality or geographical origin of the goods or services;

(iii) trade marks which have not been authorised by the competent

authorities and which are to be refused pursuant to Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and trade marks which include badges, emblems and escutcheons of public interest, unless the appropriate authority has given its consent to their registration;

(iv) trade marks which without permission consist of or contain an element which may be construed as a personal name or company name to which another party has a legal title, or as a portrait, provided allusion is not made to persons long dead, or which without permission contain a distinctive name of or a picture of the real property of another party;

(v) trade marks which without permission consist of or contain an element which may be construed as a distinctive title of the protected literary or artistic work of another party or which infringe the copyright in such a work or the right to a photograph of another party or the industrial property rights of another party.

Section 15

(1) A trade mark shall not be registered if:

(i) it is identical with an earlier trade mark, and the goods or services in respect of which registration of the trade mark is applied for are identical with the goods or services in respect of which the earlier trade mark is protected; or

(ii) there exists a likelihood of confusion, including a likelihood of association, with the earlier trade mark, because the later trade mark is identical with or similar to the earlier trade mark and the goods or services are identical or similar.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1) earlier trade marks mean:

(i) trade marks of the following categories with a date of application for registration which is earlier than the date of application for registration of the trade mark, taking account, where appropriate, of the priority claimed in respect of those trade marks:

(a) Community trade marks;

(b) trade marks registered in this country; or

(c) trade marks registered under international arrangements which have effect in this country;

(ii) Community trade marks for which, in accordance with the Regulation on the Community trade mark, the seniority of a trade mark referred to in paragraph (i)(b) or (c) is claimed, even if the latter trade mark has been surrendered or has lapsed;

(iii) applications for the trade marks referred to in paragraphs (i) and

(ii), subject to their registration; or
(iv) trade marks which, on the date of filing of the application or, where appropriate, the date of the priority claimed in respect of the application, are well known in this country, in the sense in which the words "well known" are used in Article 6bis of the Paris Convention.

(3) A trade mark shall, furthermore, not be registered if:

(i) it is identical with or similar to an earlier Community trade mark, cf. subsection (2), and its registration is applied for in respect of goods or services which are not similar to those for which the earlier Community trade mark is registered, where the earlier Community trade mark has a reputation in the European Union and the use of the later trade mark would take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or the repute of the earlier Community trade mark;

(ii) it is identical with or similar to a "well known" trade mark, cf. subsection (2)(iv), and its registration is applied for in respect of goods or services which are not similar to those for which the earlier trade mark is well known, where the use of the later trade mark might lead to a likelihood of association between the marks and the use would take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or the repute of the earlier trade mark; or

(iii) it is identical with or only insignificantly distinct from a trade mark which, on the date of filing of the application or, where appropriate, the date of the priority claimed in respect of the application, has commenced to be used abroad and is still in use there for goods or services which are identical with or similar to those in respect of which registration of the later trade mark is applied for, and the applicant on the date of the filing of the application had, or should have had, a knowledge of the foreign trade mark.

(4) A trade mark shall, moreover, not be registered if:

(i) the trade mark is identical with or similar to an earlier Danish trade mark within the meaning of subsection (2) and its registration is applied for in respect of goods or services which are not similar to those in respect of which the earlier trade mark is registered, where the earlier trade mark has a reputation in this country and the use of the later trade mark would take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or the repute of the earlier trade mark; or

(ii) in consequence of use in this country a right has been obtained to an identical or confusingly similar trade mark or to another identical or confusingly similar sign used in the course of trade prior to the date

of filing of the application for registration of the later trade mark or, where appropriate, the date of the priority claimed in respect of the application for registration of the later trade mark, if the proprietor of the earlier right may prohibit the use of the later trade mark.

(5) A trade mark shall not be excluded from registration pursuant to the provisions of subsections (1) to (4) where the proprietor of the earlier trade mark or other earlier rights consents to the registration of the later trade mark.

Section 16 Disclaimers

(1) A trade mark right obtained by registration shall not comprise such elements of the trade mark as cannot be registered separately.

(2) If a trade mark contains such elements, and there is special reason to assume that the registration of the trade mark may cause doubt as to the scope of the trade mark right, such elements may on registration be explicitly excepted from the protection.

(3) If elements of the trademark which have been excepted from the protection later on appear to have become registrable, a new registration may be made of those elements or of the trade mark itself without the limitation referred to in subsection (2).

Section 17 Classes of goods

Trade marks shall be registered in one or more classes of goods or services. The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down provisions concerning the division into classes.

Section 18 Convention priority

(1) If an application for the registration of a trade mark is filed in this country not later than six months after the filing of the first application for the registration of the trade mark in a country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the application shall on request receive priority from the first date of filing. The priority shall imply that in relation to later occurring circumstances, such as other persons' applications for or other persons' use of the trade mark, the application shall be considered filed at the same time as the filing of the application in the foreign state.

(2) Subject to reciprocity subsection (1) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to trade marks applied for the first time in a country which is not party to the Paris Convention or member of the World Trade Organisation.

Section 19 Exhibition priority

If an application for the registration of a trade mark is filed in this country not later than six months after the trade mark has been used for the first time for goods displayed at an official, or officially recognised, international exhibition, the application shall on request receive priority from that date. The priority shall imply that in relation to later occurring circumstances, such as other persons' applications for or other persons' use of the trade mark, the application shall be considered filed at the same time as the use of the trade mark at the exhibition. The exhibitions referred to are such exhibitions as are defined in the Convention on International Exhibitions signed on 22 November 1928, as subsequently revised.

Section 20 Examination and other processing of applications

(1) If the application does not comply with this Act or with provisions laid down pursuant to this Act, or if the Patent and Trademark Office has other objections to the acceptance of the application, the Patent and Trademark Office shall notify the applicant accordingly and prescribe a time limit for the applicant to file his observations.

(2) On the expiry of the time limit the Patent and Trademark Office shall take a decision on the application, unless the applicant is invited once more to file his observations.

Section 21 Claiming a right to a trade mark

(1) If anybody claims to be entitled to a trademark applied for or registered, the Patent and Trademark Office may, if it finds the question doubtful, invite him to bring it before the courts within a time limit to be specified. If the invitation is not complied with, the claim may be disregarded. Information to that effect shall be given in the invitation.

(2) If legal proceedings have been instituted concerning the right to a trade mark, the examination and other processing of the case by the Patent and Trademark Office may be suspended until a final decision has been given in the legal proceedings.

Section 22 Registration

When the application has been accepted, the trade mark shall be registered, and the registration shall be published.

Section 23 Opposition

(1) When the registration has been published, oppositions may be filed against the validity of the registration. The opposition, which shall state the grounds on which it is based, shall be filed with the Patent and Trademark Office within two months from the date of publication. A fee, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs, shall accompany the opposition.

(2) If an opposition has been filed, the Patent and Trademark Office shall re-examine the registration in accordance with section 20. The provisions of section 28(5) shall also apply during the examination. The proprietor of the registered right shall be notified of the opposition and be given an opportunity to file his observations.

(3) If the registration is maintained, the person having filed the opposition and the proprietor of the right shall be notified thereof.

(4) If the registration is revoked entirely or partially, the decision to that effect shall be published when it has become final.

Section 24 Amendment of trade marks

(1) At the request of the proprietor insignificant amendments of a registered trade mark may be made, provided that the general impression of the trade mark is not affected by the amendment.

(2) Amendments of registered trade marks shall be entered in the Register and published.

(3) At the request of the proprietor insignificant amendments may also be made of a trade mark applied for.

Section 25 Requirement of use

(1) If, within a period of five years from the termination of the registration procedure, the proprietor of a registered trade mark has not put the trade mark to genuine use in this country in connection with the goods or services in respect of which it is registered, or if such use has been suspended during an uninterrupted period of five years, the registration may be

revoked, cf. section 28, unless there are proper reasons for non-use.

(2) The following shall also constitute use within the meaning of subsection (1):

(i) use of the trade mark in a form which does not differ significantly from the form in which it was registered;

(ii) affixing the trade mark to goods or to the packaging thereof in this country solely for export purposes.

(3) Use of a trade mark with the consent of the proprietor shall be deemed to constitute use of the trade mark by the proprietor.

Section 26 Duration of the registration

(1) The trade mark right obtained by the registration shall be effective from the date of filing of the application pursuant to section 12 and shall continue to be effective for ten years from the date of registration.

(2) The registration may be renewed for further periods of ten years from the expiry of the registration period in question.

Section 27 Renewal

(1) The request for renewal shall be effected by payment of the prescribed fee to the Patent and Trademark Office not earlier than six months before and not later than six months after the expiry of the registration period.

(2) If the request can be accepted, the renewal shall be entered in the Register.

(3) The Patent and Trademark Office shall collect renewal fees from the proprietor of the trade mark or his agent, but shall not be held responsible for any loss of rights as a consequence of failure to collect.

(4) If the request does not comply with the provisions laid down, the Patent and Trademark Office shall notify the requester accordingly and prescribe a time limit for him to file his observations.

(5) On the expiry of the time limit the Patent and Trademark Office shall take a decision on the request, unless the requester is invited once more to file his observations.

Part 3

Section 28 Termination of the registration

(1) If a trade mark has been registered in contravention of the provisions of this Act, the registration may be revoked, cf., however, sections 8 and 9. If the ground for revocation is lack of distinctive character or the like, cf. section 13, the use which has taken place after the registration, cf. section 13(3), shall also be taken into consideration.

(2) A registration may also be revoked if:

- (i) the trade mark has not been used in accordance with section 25;
- (ii) in consequence of the activity or inactivity of the proprietor, the trade mark has become the common name in the trade for the product or service in respect of which the trade mark is registered; or
- (iii) in consequence of the use made of the trade mark by the proprietor or with his consent in respect of the goods or services for which it is registered, the trade mark is liable to mislead the public, particularly as to the nature, quality or geographical origin of the goods or services.

(3) A claim for revocation of a trade mark under subsection (2)(i) may not be advanced if genuine use of the trade mark is commenced or resumed in the interval between the expiry of the five-year period and the date of filing of the request for revocation. The commencement or resumption of the use within a period of three months preceding the filing of the request for revocation shall, however, be disregarded if the preparations for the commencement or resumption of the use are initiated only after the proprietor has become aware that a request for revocation may be filed.

(4) If the ground for revocation relates only to some of the goods or services for which the trade mark is registered, the registration shall only be revoked for those goods or services.

(5) If the ground for revocation is an earlier conflicting trade mark, a claim for revocation may only be advanced if the person having claimed the revocation of the registration at the request of the other party is able to prove that the earlier trade mark has been used in accordance with section 25. If an earlier registered trade mark has been used only for some of the goods or services in respect of which it is registered, it shall only be considered registered for those goods or services. Any of the parties may at any time institute proceedings against the other party with respect to matters which are brought up in the case, irrespective

of the Patent and Trademark Office having made a decision on the case or not.

Section 29 Revocation by a court decision

Revocation of a registration under section 28 shall be effected by a court decision, cf., however, section 30. Proceedings shall be instituted against the proprietor and may be instituted by anybody with a legal interest therein. Proceedings pursuant to the provisions of section 13 and section 14(i) to (iii) may also be instituted by the Patent and Trademark Office.

Section 30 Administrative revocation

(1) After the termination of the registration procedure any person may file a request with the Patent and Trademark Office for the revocation of a trade mark registration if the conditions of revocation in section 28 are complied with. A fee, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs, shall accompany the request.

(2) If a case before the courts concerning a trade mark registration remains to be finally decided upon, a request pursuant to subsection (1) may not be filed concerning the registration in question.

(3) If proceedings concerning a trade mark registration are instituted before the courts prior to a final decision having been made on a request pursuant to subsection (1) relating to the registration, the Patent and Trademark Office shall suspend the examination of the request until the case has been finally decided upon, unless the request has been filed by the proprietor of the trade mark registration.

(4) The proprietor of the registered right shall be notified of the request and shall be given an opportunity to file his observations.

(5) If the registration is revoked entirely or partially, the decision to that effect shall be published when it has become final.

(6) The decision of the Patent and Trademark Office may be brought before the Patent Board of Appeal and the courts in accordance with section 46. However, any of the parties may at any time institute proceedings against the other party with respect to matters which are brought up in the case, irrespective of the Patent and Trademark Office having made a decision on the case or not.

Section 31

(1) If there is reason to doubt the existence of a proprietor of a trade mark, or if his address is unknown, any person with a legal interest therein may request that the trade mark be deleted from the Register.

(2) Prior to any deletion the Patent and Trademark Office shall request the proprietor to come forward within a time limit fixed by the Patent and Trademark Office. Notification of the time limit shall be given by registered letter or by a similar satisfactory method. If the address of the proprietor is unknown, the time limit shall be communicated by public announcement. If the proprietor thereafter has not come forward, the trade mark shall be deleted from the Register.

Section 32 Cancellation

If a registration of a trade mark, a renewal of a trade mark registration or an entry of an amendment in the register has been made by an obvious mistake, the Patent and Trademark Office may within three months from the date of registration or the date of the entry cancel the registration, the renewal or the entry.

Section 33 Deletion

Deletion from the register shall be made if:

- (i) the registration is not renewed;
- (ii) the proprietor of the trade mark requests deletion of the trade mark;
- (iii) the registration is revoked pursuant to section 23; or
- (iv) a decision is made or a court decision is given of revocation pursuant to section 29, 30 or 31.

Section 34

Of any court decision concerning a trade mark registration or a trade mark application an office copy shall be communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office by the court in question.

Part 4 Special provisions relating to the registration of foreign trade marks

Section 35 Domestic registration

(1) An applicant who does not carry on business in this country and who is not a resident of a state party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) shall prove that a similar trade mark is registered for him in his home country in respect of the goods or services comprised by the application.

(2) Subject to reciprocity the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs may direct that subsection (1) shall not apply.

Section 36

Subject to reciprocity the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs may direct that trade marks which would not otherwise be registrable in this country, but which are registered in a foreign state, may be registered in this country such as they are registered in the foreign state. Such a registration shall not extend further than in the foreign state.

Section 37 Agents

The Patent and Trademark Office may invite the proprietor of a trade mark to appoint an agent residing in the European Economic Area (EEA) to receive notifications of proceedings and all other notifications concerning the trade mark on his behalf with a binding effect on the proprietor. The name and address of the agent shall be entered in the Register of trade marks.

Part 5

Section 38 Transfer and licensing, etc.

(1) The right to a trade mark may be transferred in connection with or separately from the enterprise in which it is used.

(2) If anybody transfers his enterprise, the right to the trade marks of the enterprise shall pass to the transferee, unless otherwise agreed or deemed to be agreed.

Section 39

(1) The transfer of the right to a registered trade mark shall on request be entered in the register of trade marks.

(2) Until the transfer has been communicated to the Patent and Trademark Office, the proprietor of the trade mark shall be deemed to be the latest person entered in the register.

Section 40 Licensing

(1) A trade mark may be licensed for all or some of the goods or services for which it is registered and for the whole or part of the country. The licence may be exclusive or non-exclusive.

(2) At the request of the proprietor or the licensee the licence shall be entered in the register of trade marks. An entry shall also be made in the register when it is later established that the licence has terminated.

(3) The proprietor of a trade mark may invoke the rights conferred by the trade mark against a licensee who contravenes any of the stipulations in the licensing contract with regard to the duration of the licence, the form in which the trade mark may be used according to the registration, the kind of goods or services for which the licence is granted, the territory within which the trade mark may be affixed to the goods or the quality of the goods manufactured or the services rendered by the licensee.

Section 41 Pledging and execution

If the right to a registered trade mark has been pledged, or if execution has been levied thereon, the Patent and Trademark Office shall at the request of the proprietor, the pledgee or the execution creditor enter a note to that effect in the register of trade marks.

Part 6

Section 42 Provisions concerning the legal protection

(1) Any person who intentionally or grossly negligently infringes a trade mark right established by registration or use shall be punished with a fine.

(2) If the infringement has been committed intentionally and under aggravating circumstances, the penalty may increase to imprisonment of up to 18 months, unless a heavier penalty is provided for by section 299b of the Penal Code. Aggravating circumstances shall in particular be considered to exist if a significant and obviously unlawful profit is intended by the infringement.

(3) Companies etc. (legal entities) may be held liable to punishment under the rules of Part 5 of the Penal Code.

(4) In the case of infringements comprised by subsection (1) proceedings shall be instituted by the injured party. In the case of infringements comprised by subsection (2) proceedings shall be instituted only at the request of the injured party, unless the institution of proceedings is required in the interests of the public.

Section 43

(1) Any person who intentionally or negligently infringes another person's trade mark right shall pay:

- (i) a reasonable compensation to the injured party for the exploitation; and
- (ii) damages to the injured party for the further injury which the infringement has caused.

(2) In fixing the damages according to subsection (1)(ii) inter alia the loss of profit suffered by the injured party and the illicit profit obtained by the infringer shall be taken into consideration.

(3) In cases comprised by subsection (1) an additional compensation may be fixed to the injured party for non-financial injury.

(4) If the trade mark right has been established by registration, the rules of subsection (1) shall also apply to the period between the filing of the application and the registration of the trade mark if the infringer

knew or ought to know that the application had been filed.

Section 43a

The Maritime and Commercial Court shall be the Community trade mark court of first instance, and the Supreme Court shall be the Community trade mark court of second instance in accordance with Article 91 of the Community Trade Mark Regulation.

Section 43b

(1) Injunctions under Article 99(1) of the Community Trade Mark Regulation shall be issued by the Enforcement Court.

(2) The provisions of Part 57 of the Administration of Justice Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 43c

(1) Injunctions which are to have effect within the territory of any Member State, cf. Article 99(2) of the Community Trade Mark Regulation, shall be issued by the Maritime and Commercial Court.

(2) The decisions of the Maritime and Commercial Court pursuant to subsection (1) may be appealed against to the Eastern High Court.

(3) Moreover, the provisions of Part 57 of the Administration of Justice Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. The Enforcement Court shall upon request assist the Maritime and Commercial Court with respect to the performance of the functions referred to in section 645 of the Administration of Justice Act.

Section 43d

Injunctions pertaining to a national trade mark as well as a Community trade mark shall be issued by the Maritime and Commercial Court if the injunction pertaining to the Community trade mark shall have effect within the territory of any Member State, cf. Article 99(2) of the Community Trade Mark Regulation. Section 43c(2) and (3) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 44

(1) For the purpose of preventing further infringements of the trade mark right the court may, when so claimed, inter alia decide that goods infringing a trade mark right shall:

(i) be withdrawn from the market;

- (ii) be removed definitively from the market;
- (iii) be destroyed;
- (iv) be surrendered to the injured party; or
- (v) have the illegally affixed trade marks removed.

(2) Subsection (1) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to materials, tools or the like which have primarily been used for illegal production of the infringing goods.

(3) The measures under subsection (1) shall be implemented without compensation to the infringer and shall not affect any damages to the injured party. The measures shall be implemented at the expense of the infringer, unless special circumstances tell against it.

(4) In giving a court decision on measures under subsection (1) the court shall take into consideration the proportion between the extent of the infringement, the prescribed measures and the interests of any third party.

Section 44a

(1) In a court decision by which a person is held liable under section 43 or 44 the court may, if so requested, decide that the court decision in full or extracts thereof shall be published.

(2) The obligation to publish shall rest with the infringer. The publication shall be made at the expense of the infringer and in such a prominent manner as may reasonably be required.

Section 45

(1) If a licence has been granted for the use of a trade mark, the licensor as well as the licensee shall be considered entitled to institute proceedings in cases concerning the infringement of the trade mark right, unless otherwise agreed.

(2) A licensee who wishes to institute proceedings shall inform the licensor thereof.

Section 45a

If the customs and taxation authorities become suspicious of infringements comprised by section 42, information to that effect may be passed on to the proprietor of the right.

Part 7

Section 46 Miscellaneous provisions

(1) The decisions of the Patent and Trademark Office under this Act may be brought before the Patent Board of Appeal (Board of Appeal for Patents and Trademarks) not later than two months after the date on which the party concerned was notified of the decision. The fee for examination of the appeal shall be paid within the same time limit. Failure to do so shall cause the appeal to be rejected. Filing of appeals with the Patent Board of Appeal shall have suspensive effect.

(2) The decisions of the Board of Appeal may not be brought before any higher administrative authority.

(3) Proceedings for the trial of decisions made by the Patent and Trademark Office which may be appealed against to the Board of Appeal may not be brought before the courts until the decision of the Board of Appeal has been given. Proceedings for the trial of the decisions of the Board of Appeal shall be instituted within two months after the date on which the party concerned was notified of the decision. The proceedings shall have suspensive effect.

Section 47

(1) The Patent and Trademark Office may on request undertake the performance of special tasks concerning trade marks and trade mark rights.

(2) The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down rules governing the payment therefor and the payment of fees for reminders in the case of late payment.

(3) The Access to Public Administration Files Act shall, except for section 4(2), not apply to the tasks referred to in subsection (1).

Section 48

(1) The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down specific provisions concerning trade mark applications and their examination and other processing. It may thus be prescribed to what extent the Patent and Trademark Office on its own initiative shall ensure whether the conditions of registration of the trade mark are fulfilled. The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs shall, furthermore, lay down provisions concerning the division of applications and registrations, concerning

the examination of oppositions and administrative revocation, concerning claims of priority, cf. sections 18 and 19, concerning the registration and deletion of trade marks, and concerning the handling of cases, notifications, extracts from the Register, etc.

(2) The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down specific provisions concerning the arrangement and keeping of the Register, concerning the information which may be entered in the Register and concerning the publication of registrations, etc.

(3) The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs may prescribe fees for the division of applications and registrations, for the handling of cases, notifications, extracts, etc. Moreover, the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs may lay down provisions concerning the refund, etc. of the fees in question.

(4) The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down the provisions necessary for the application of the Community Trade Mark Regulation, including provisions concerning the conversion of Community trade mark applications and registrations to national applications, concerning the handling of cases, notifications, etc. and concerning fees therefor.

(5) The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs may lay down specific rules concerning the days on which the Patent and Trademark Office shall be closed.

Section 49

If the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs refers his or her rights under this Act to the Patent and Trademark Office, the Minister may lay down rules concerning the right of appeal including rules to the effect that appeals may not be brought before any higher administrative authority.

Part 8

Section 50 International trade mark registration

An international trade mark registration means a registration under the Agreement adopted at Madrid on 14 April 1891 concerning the International Registration of Marks, as subsequently revised (the Madrid Agreement) or under the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement (the Protocol) adopted at Madrid on 27 June 1989.

Section 51 Effects of an international registration

From the date of registration or from the date of a subsequent designation an international trade mark registration designating Denmark shall have the same legal effect as if the trade mark had been registered in Denmark.

Section 52 Refusal

If the trade mark does not comply with the conditions of registration under this Act, or if an opposition is filed, the Patent and Trademark Office may, within the time limit laid down in the Madrid Agreement or the Protocol, notify the International Bureau of the entire or partial refusal of the protection of the trade mark in Denmark.

Section 53 Lapse and proceeding under Danish law

(1) If the international trade mark registration is invalidated, its validity shall also lapse in Denmark from the date of the lapse of the international registration.

(2) If the international registration is cancelled pursuant to the Protocol at the request of the Office of origin or in consequence of a Contracting Party denouncing the Protocol, the proprietor may file a Danish trade mark application with the same effect as if the application had been filed on the date of filing of the application for the international registration or the date of a subsequent designation, provided that:

(i) the application is filed within three months from the date of the cancellation;

(ii) the application does not comprise other goods or services than the international trade mark registration; and

(iii) the application, moreover, complies with the requirements of a Danish trade mark application, and the applicant pays the prescribed fees.

Section 54 Prohibition against simultaneous protection

(1) In the cases where a trade mark registered in Denmark is also, at

the request of the proprietor of the trade mark, the subject of an international trade mark registration, the international trade mark registration shall replace the Danish registration, provided that

- (i) Denmark is designated either originally or subsequently,
- (ii) the goods or services comprised by the Danish registration are also comprised by the international registration and
- (iii) Denmark is designated at a later date than the date of the application for the Danish registration.

(2) The Patent and Trademark Office shall on request enter the existence of an international trade mark registration in its Register.

Section 55 Application for an international trade mark registration on the basis of an application or registration in Denmark

An international trade mark application may be filed by Danish nationals and natural persons or legal entities having their residence in Denmark or being owners of a real and effective industrial or commercial enterprise in Denmark.

Section 56

International trade mark applications based on an application or a registration in Denmark shall be filed with the Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the provisions laid down by the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs, cf. section 60.

Section 57

An international application may only comprise the goods or services comprised by the Danish application or registration.

Section 58

At the filing an international trade mark application priority may be claimed pursuant to the Paris Convention.

Section 59 Renewal, etc.

The rules laid down in the Madrid Agreement and the Protocol shall apply to renewal.

Section 60

The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs shall lay down specific rules for the implementation of the provisions of this Part of the Act. Special rules may thus be laid down concerning the publication of the

internationally registered trade marks, cf. section 51, and concerning the filing of oppositions thereagainst, cf. section 52. The Minister of Economic and Business Affairs may, furthermore, lay down rules concerning fees for the examination of cases relating thereto.

Part 9

Section 61 Provisions as to entry into force and transitional provisions

(1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 1992, and at the same time the Trade Marks Act, cf. Consolidate Act No. 249 of 17 April 1989, shall be repealed.

(2) (Transitional provision, not reproduced).

(3) With respect to trade marks which are registered prior to 31 December 1991, the five-year period under section 25 shall not commence until 1 January 1992.

(4) The provisions of Part 8 shall be put into force in full or in part by Order to be issued by the Minister of Economic and Business Affairs.

Section 62

Applications which at the entry into force of this Act have not been published in accordance with the previous provisions shall be examined and processed pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Section 63

This Act shall not apply to the Faeroe Islands and Greenland, but may by Royal Ordinance be put into force for the Faeroe Islands and Greenland with such deviations as the special Faeroese and Greenland circumstances may require.