

Part 7: Article 4(1)(ix) (Prize Awarded at an Exhibition)

is comprised of a mark identical with, or similar to, a prize awarded at an exhibition held by the national or a local government (hereinafter referred to as "Government, etc.") or by those who are not the Government, etc. but designated by the Commissioner of the Patent Office, or at an international exhibition held in a foreign country by the Government, etc. of the foreign country or those authorized thereby (except those used by the recipient of such a prize as part of his/her own trademark);

1. "An exhibition" needs to be flexibly construed, including a competitive show.
2. "A recipient of the prize" in this paragraph includes an assignee of the business of a recipient.