

“The Industrial Property Rights System in Japan”

Chapter 3. The Trademark System in Japan

Office of Origin

The “Office of Origin” carries out formality examinations for international applications as made on the application form MM2 to present to the International Bureau.

The formality examination checks whether the entries in the basic application and the registration trademark submitted to the Patent Office of Origin are identical, whether the applicant is appropriate, etc. The international application is then sent to the International Bureau.

If an international application is found to have deficiencies, the International Bureau reports this to the applicant and the Office of Origin.