

## **“The Industrial Property Rights System in Japan”**

### **Chapter 3. The Trademark System in Japan**

#### **Designated Office**

The Designated Office of the Contracting Party carries out a substantive examination on the notification from the International Bureau in alignment with domestic trademark laws.

If registration is not approved, a provisional refusal must be notified to the International Bureau within 12 months, or 18 months from the date of notification by the International Bureau. In Japan the period is within 18 months.

If there are grounds for refusal as the result of an examination, a notification of provisional refusal is made to the applicant via the International Bureau.

Where no reason for refusing registration is found, the office notifies the International Bureau that it has issued a grant of protection. It then sends the decision of registration to the holder of the international registration, and issues a trademark registration certificate on completion of the designated procedures.

#### **End of Chapter 3**