Handling of Two or More Basic Trademark Registrations or Trademark Applications

- 1. An international trademark application is not limited to be based on one trademark registration or application but can also be based on two or more trademark registrations or applications.
- 2. When an international trademark application is filed on the basis of two or more trademark registrations or applications, all the trademarks concerning basic trademark registrations or applications (hereinafter referred to as "basic registrations or basic applications") must be identical to the trademark concerning the international trademark application, and each designated good and/or service concerning the international trademark application must be contained in the designated goods and/or services of at lease one of the basic registrations or basic applications.

[Explanation]

It is the basic principle to proceed with an international registration on the premise of a trademark registered in or filed with the office of origin, and when trademarks concerning two or more trademark registrations or applications are identical to each other, it is possible to combine the designated goods and/or services of those and make one international registration.

When an international trademark application is based on two or more basic registrations or basic applications, all of the following conditions must be satisfied.

- 1) All of the trademarks concerning basic registrations or basic applications are identical to each other, and that these trademarks and the trademark concerning the international trademark application are also identical.
- 2) The designated goods and/or services concerning an international trademark application should be contained in the designated goods and/or services of at least one of the basic registrations or basic applications.