Handling of Translation of a Trademark Claimed in an International Trademark Application

1. The applicant of an international trademark registration can describe the translation of the trademark for which international registration is sought in column 9(b) "Translation of the mark" (hereinafter referred to as "translation of mark") in the written application of the international trademark application in English, French or Spanish or more than two of these languages.

2. Since description in the column "translation of mark" is voluntary, the office of origin shall confirm neither whether the column has been filled out nor the accuracy of the described content.

[Explanation]
(1) Since description of the "translation of mark" is not obligated in the Protocol, it is a matter of voluntary description. A description can be made in English, French or Spanish or more than two of these languages of these in accordance with the form of the written application.

(2) Irrespective of whether or not there is a respective description, or whether or not there is a deficiency in the described content, the office of origin shall make a verification of the respective written application as an office of origin and send it to the International Bureau.

The office of origin shall not confirm the translation of a mark on the basis of the following reasons.

1) The International Bureau shall not make a confirmation on the lack of the description of "translation of trademark" or the accuracy of the content.
2) "Translation of mark" is not a matter of verification by the office of origin.