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Germany Trademark Registration Costs and Registration Procedures

1. Germany Trademark Registration Fees

Step 1: Pre-filing Search (identical search)		
		USD
	First class	300
	Each additional class	300
Delivery: 5 working days; Search report delivered by email.		
Step 2: Trademark Registration Request		
		USD
	First three classes	1,664
	Each addition class	478
Step 3: Registration Certificate		
		USD
	First three classes	350
	Each addition class	350

Note:

- (1) Trademark pre-filing search is not compulsory in Germany.
- (2) Pre-filing search here is limited to Germany Intellectual Property Office's database only.
- (3) Fees for trademark registration request listed above cover not more than 20 items of products or services in each class. Each item in excess of 20 will be charged with an extra fee of USD5.
- (4) All fees quoted do not include delivery fees.

2. Calculation of Registration Costs

Example 1: One mark one class

If you want to apply to have your trademark "ABC" registered in International Class 7 (machines and machine tools etc) in Germany, that is, one mark one class, the total fees for both trademark pre-filing search and registration request and certificate are:

Search: USD300

Request for registration: USD1,664

Certificate: USD350

TOTAL: USD2,314

Example 2: One mark two classes

If you want to apply to have your trademark "ABC" registered in Class 7 (machines and machine tools etc), and class 28 (Games and playthings etc.), that is, one mark four classes, the total fees for both trademark pre-filing search and registration request and certificate are:

Search: $\text{USD300} + \text{USD300} = \text{USD600}$

Request for registration: USD1,664

Certificate: USD350

TOTAL: USD2,614

Example 3: Two marks one class

If you want to apply to have your trademarks "ABC" and "DEF" registered in International Class 7 (machines and machine tools etc) in Germany, that is, two marks one class, the total fees for both trademark pre-filing searches and registration requests and certificates are:

Search: $\text{USD300} + \text{USD300} = \text{USD600}$

Request for registration: $\text{USD1,664} + \text{USD1,664} = \text{USD3,328}$

Certificate: $\text{USD350} + \text{USD350} = \text{USD700}$

TOTAL: USD4,628

The costs illustrated in the examples above are based on the assumption of a smooth application, that is, no objection being raised by the trademark office or any other third party. Also, the costs stated above exclude courier charges for sending the Power of Attorney and delivery of Certificate of Registration upon acceptance of registration.

In addition, it is assumed that the number of items of products and services covered in each class is not more than 20.

3. Clients need to provide the following materials

- (1) A simple Power of Attorney (PoA) executed by the applicant, no notarisation is required (Kaizen will prepare the PoA).
- (2) A soft copy of the trademark.
- (3) A duly completed Trademark Registration Order Form.
- (4) A priority document when priority is claimed. The document can be filed within 3 months after the filing date of the application (extra charge will be involved if priority claimed is required)

4. Germany Trademark Application Procedures

- (1) Client sends to Kaizen (by email or fax or post) a specimen of the trademark together with the duly completed Trademark Registration Order Form and at the same time make payment for the pre-filing search;
- (2) Kaizen conducts the pre-filing search and prepares search report and emails the search reports to clients;
- (3) (If the search results indicate that the application is likely to be accepted and client decides to proceed) Client sends us the Photocopy of identity proof (passport copy for individual and Certificate of Incorporation or Business Registration License) and at the same time make payment for the filing application;
- (4) Kaizen prepares the registration application forms and Power of Attorney (PoA) and sends it to client for execution;
- (5) Client sends the duly executed PoA and registration forms back to us;
- (6) Kaizen submit the application documents to the German Patent and Trademark Office (Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt);
- (7) The German Patent and Trademark Office perform examination and other procedures; if no objection received, the German Patent and Trademark Office then issues the Certificate of Registration;
- (8) Client makes the final payment for registration/certificate and Kaizen forwards the Certificate of Registration to client.

5. Time Scale

Currently it takes approximately **6-8** months to get a trademark registered in Germany. Please take note that Germany Trademark office issued the trademark certificate **BEFORE** the publication period. After the publication period (3 month times); client's trademark registration will be confirm **AFTER** the publication period.

6. Payment Term and Payment Method

Our fees for each stage of an application are to be invoiced and settled before the commencement of each stage of service.

We currently only accept Hong Kong Dollar check, cash or TT and credit card through Paypal. **Please click here for payment methods.**

7. Refund Policy

No refund of fees will be made after the commencement of services. For example, if we have already performed the pre-filing search and the search results indicate that there is an identical mark already in the register and application for filing should not be proceed, the fees for pre-filing search will not be refunded. Or we have already filed an application and the application is being objected and refused by the trademark office or any other party, then there will not be any refunded of fees.

In any case you pay us our fees for all three stages of an application, and the search results indicate that the there is an identical mark already in the register and application for filing should not be proceeded, then the fees for services not performed, i.e., filing for application and issuing of certificate of registration will be refunded.