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The final rule, published Thursday, October 13th, is as follows:

Pre-Registration

Effective December 3, 2022, there will be a three-month deadline to respond to Office actions for applications under Sections 1 and 44. It will be possible to obtain a three-month extension by filing a request and paying a fee before the end of the initial three-month deadline.

Applications under Section 66 (Madrid Protocol extensions) are not affected and there will continue to be a six-month deadline to respond to these Office actions.

Post-Registration

Effective October 7, 2023, the three-month deadline plus extension-with-a-fee will take effect for post-registration Office actions.

Read more here: <https://www.law360.com/ip/articles/1539412/uspto-cuts-time-to-respond-to-tm-office-actions-in-half>

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