
Uzbekistan: Amendments to IP and Unfair Competition Laws

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- Changing the non-use cancellation period to the five years prior to the bringing of the action, rather than (as previously) any five-year period since registration;
- Ability to prove use broadened to include, inter alia, use in advertisements, printed matter, business documentation, product packaging, exhibitions and trade shows and domain names; and
- Addition of a definition of “counterfeit products” to mean “goods, labels, or packaging on which a trademark or a confusingly similar mark is used illegally.”

Further, the prohibitions of the Unfair Competition Law were expanded to confusingly similar marks (not just identical marks).

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