

Trade marks -

Searching the register

Why would I need to search the trade mark register?

A search of the trade mark register may be performed by clients for a number of reasons:

- To find out the current information held on the Intellectual Property Register regarding a particular trade mark, patent or design right.
- To find if there are any earlier and potentially conflicting intellectual property rights that are already registered in the Bailiwick of Guernsey. This is useful when making an application for a trade mark as the applicant must declare that a search of the register has been performed.
- To ensure that rights owners have maintained and documented the protection of their intellectual property as it relates to this jurisdiction.

How can I search the trade mark register?

1. Visit the Intellectual Property Office website at www.guernseyregistry.com/ipo and click on 'Register Search' on the right hand side of the page.
2. From here it is possible to search by trade mark number or perform an advanced search.
3. When performing an advanced search, the register can be searched by the mark text, mark text and image or mark image.
4. If you wish to search by image you will need to search using the Vienna classification. This enables you to describe the image you are searching for. The Vienna classification is divided into 'Category', 'Division' and 'Section'. 'Category' is the most general description, followed by 'Division' then 'Section' which is the most detailed. It is possible to search more than one Vienna code at once.
5. When performing a search you can also choose to only include results in the goods and services you specify. This is done by choosing Nice Class numbers (see separate guidance on 'Nice Classification').
6. To see further information on any marks, click the 'View Details' icon to the left of the mark number in the table of results.

Please note: it is not possible to carry out a proprietor search using the online service.

In order to carry out a search by proprietor you will need to email the office at enquiries@guernseyregistry.com and state the details of the proprietor you wish to search.

Contact us

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