# Misleading Communications and Invoices

We are aware that clients have received unsolicited requests for payment of fees in respect of their patent/design/trade mark applications. These requests for payment often appear to be official. However, please note that the companies who issue such communications are not linked to a government institution and you are not obliged to pay their fees.

Some of our clients have also been sent correspondence from companies claiming to be IP specialists who are offering to pay renewal fees. The fees proposed by these companies are disproportionately high, and as such anyone responding to these unsolicited communications could be paying significantly over the odds for renewals.

Please note that all legitimate correspondence relating to your applications will come via AdamsonJones, as your appointed representative. We attach examples of misleading communications for your reference. Further examples can also be found at the following link – www.wipo.int/pct/en/warning/pct\_warning.html.

In addition to the above we have also been alerted to a new domain name fraud which involves businesses being contacted by phone from an organisation claiming to be the "Trade Marks Intellectual Property Office". Their aim is to panic people into buying domain names.

If you should receive any such notifications or telephone calls and you are unsure as to whether any action is required, please contact us. Please do not pay any fees in response to any such notifications or calls without consulting with us.

# Example 1:



# **Trademark Protection**

Reference number:

TL-605-0E0

Published:

Publication number:

International Class: 7





Payment methods:

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27.3.2019

### Payment by bank transfer:

Beneficiary:

WIPOT d.o.o.

Bank name:

Crédit Agricole Banka Srbija, AD

IBAN:

RS35330007010012457012

Account Number:

3533 0007 0100 1245 7012

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Bank address:

Braće Ribnikar 4-6, RS-21000 Novi Sad

#### Payment by cheque:

Beneficiary:

WIPOT d.o.o.

Address:

Jurija Gagarina 68, RS-11070 Beograd 27

#### Payment details:

Subject	Amount	
Charge of trademark protection service for: TL-605-0E0	1.625,50	
Additional Fee	0,00	
Value added tax	0,00	
Total Filing Fee	1.625,50	

Dear Sir/Madam

The publishing of the public registration of your trademark is the basis of our offer. We offer our trademark protection service that prevents your trademark from copyright infringement. Therefor you will receive timely reports on newly published trademark applications in key markets to uncover potential conflicts with your brand. Our offer will be accepted by payment of the total filing fee and becomes a legally binding contract between you and WIPOT d.o.o. Please notice that this service has not any connection with the publication of official registrations and is not a registration by a government organization. This offer is not an invoice but a solicitation without obligation to pay, unless our offer is accepted. All further details are indicated in our general terms and business conditions overleaf or in our website. For additional information please contact us at info@wipot.eu or support@wipot.eu.

# Example 2:







Our Reference:223928940

#### Dear trademark holder,

Our records show that your trademark is about to expire. The renewal process starts on 4 Jul 2019. If you wish us to renew the below stated trademark, please sign and return this document in the enclosed prepaid envelope. Please enter the correct address details below, if there have been any changes that you wish to be entered in the official records.

Trademark description:			Address:	Address changes:
trademark: expiry date: trademark number:				
class(es): 10	_			

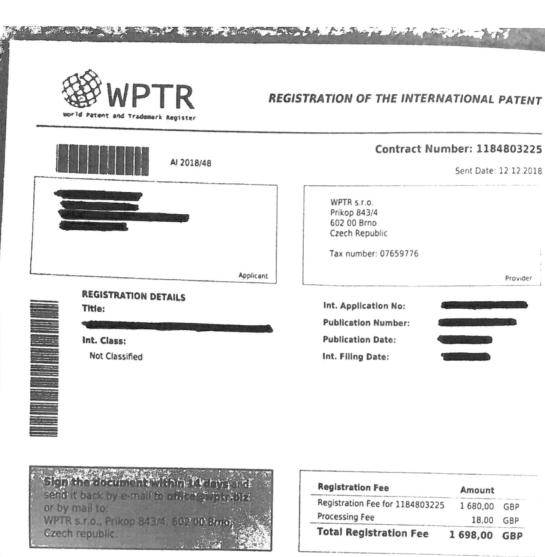
The trademark stated in this document will be renewed for another 10-year period. The total fee for the renewal is £1,320 including all applicable filing fees. You may enclose a cheque directly with the signed form or request an invoice. Once the payment has been received and processed by us, the renewal process will start.

By signing this document, you agree to comply with the terms and conditions stated on the front and the back of this document. By returning and signing this document you also authorize Stern Young & Partners to renew the above stated trademark on your behalf. You will receive a confirmation from us, once the trademark renewal is completed. This is not an invoice or a bill. Please note that your exclusive trademark rights may be cancelled, if not renewed in time.

Yours faithfully, Stern Young & Partners

3. Keturn	this signed form in the en	ivelope provided.	
2 Potuum	Send me an invoice		
	Cheque payable to Stern	Young Partners Ltd	
2. Select	your payment method:		
	Let the trademark lapse /	Use another agent	
	Renew		

# Example 3:



## gistration of the international Patent:

The international patent has been published in the WIPO-Gazette, which is edited by Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization. This publishing forms the basis of our offer. Please note, registration is not affiliated with the publication of the official International Patent Application registration and is not a registration by a government entity. By signing this Agreement, the Applicant signs a binding "WFTR Registration" service provided by the provider specified in the GTB article 3 paragraph 1 and undertakes to pay the provider the price stated on this form. Given that this form is exclusively an ofter for the conclusion of a contract, the contractual relationship created by this contract arises at the moment of the delivery of this contract to the provider. Effective delivery is deemed to be the delivery of the contract to the address of the provider and the delivery of the contract to the email address of the provider. By signing this contract, the Contracting Authority agrees that the contractual relationship is governed by the General Business Terms and Conditions of the Provider, which are listed on the other side of this Form and are governed by the Act No. 89/2012 Coll. Civil Code. The Applicant declares that he has read and read these General Business Terms and the scope of the service provided, and he further declares that they agree with their wording.

Applicant		Provider
	Full name	WPTR s.r.o. Pfikop 843/4, 602-60 Brind Czech Republic IČ: 06466036
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