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India Joins Madrid Protocol for the International Registration of Marks

Anand Sharma, India's Minister for Industry and Commerce, announced April 8th that India has deposited with the World Intellectual Property Organization the instruments of accession to the Madrid Protocol for the International Registration of Marks.

The Madrid Protocol system offers the owner of a mark in one of the member countries the ability to obtain registration, called an "International Registration," for its mark, which registration may then be cost-effectively extended to an extensive number of countries using a centralized filing system. Once the Madrid Protocol goes into effect in India on July 8, 2013, Indian nationals will be able to seek an International Registration for their marks, which may be extended to the United States, among other countries. Similarly, U.S. nationals will be able to seek an extension of protection to India of their International Registration.

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