

## TRADEMARK PROTECTION IN SWITZERLAND

<b>Filing Language</b>	French / German / Italian
<b>Power of Attorney</b>	Not required
<b>Acceptable Trademark Types</b>	Ordinary, collective and certification
<b>Unregistered Trademarks</b>	Protected to the extent that they are well known within the meaning of the Article 6bis of the Paris Convention
<b>Specification of Goods/Services</b>	Nice classification
<b>Colour Claim</b>	Possible but not mandatory
<b>Ex Officio Search</b>	None (relative grounds not examined)
<b>Examination</b>	Formal and substantive examination regarding absolute grounds of refusal
<b>Time Frame</b>	Approx. 4 months (1 month accelerated examination with extra fee)
<b>Objection</b>	2 months to reply (extendable)
<b>Publication</b>	At the time of registration
<b>Opposition Period</b>	3 months from publication date
<b>Protection Period</b>	10 years from filing date
<b>Renewal</b>	Each 10 years, 6 months grace period
<b>Use Requirements</b>	Continued non-use for 5 years from the end of the opposition period
<b>Assignment</b>	Deed of assignment or assignment form required Legalization/notarization not required Assignment translation required if other than French, German, Italian or English
<b>Licensing</b>	License agreement or license form required
<b>Trademark Notice</b>	Use of <sup>TM</sup> or <sup>®</sup> is optional