

Database Guide

IBIS

This database is provided by the UK Intellectual Property Office, (formerly the Patent Office). It offers the user the opportunity to search the British Trade Mark Registry image collection for Trade Marks that have rights in the UK whether they were filed at the UK IPO, the Office for Harmonisation of the Internal Market (OHIM), or the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

Please note that users of this database will be required to read and sign a terms of conditions/ disclaimer form before using this database.

Summary

- The Business & IP Centre is the only location in London that offers the facility to search the Trade Mark **Image** database.
- The only other place where this information can be accessed is at the UK IPO which is located in Newport, South Wales.
- Access to the IBIS image database is available during normal opening hours.

Strengths

- Allows fully comprehensive searches of Trade Mark **images**.
- Allows versatile search strategies.
- Enables complex combination searches.
- Supplies full results of trade mark images.

Weaknesses

- Search results can be overwhelming.
- Results can sometimes take a long time to load (due to overwhelming hit results.)
- Searching can be complicated (unless you are certain of the Trade Mark classifications which you require.)

Alternatives

- No other databases cover this Trade Mark **Image** search facility here in the Business & IP Centre, however you can refer to the UK Intellectual Property Office's website (www.ipo.gov.uk) where it is possible to conduct some searching.

Printing/Downloading

- No printing restrictions.
- No Downloading