

Database Guide

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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 collection for words used in Trade Marks that have rights in the UK, whether they were filed at the UK IPO, the Office for Harmonisation for the Internal Market (OHIM), or the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

Access to this database is available for searchers up to the hours of 19:30.

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 databases for words.
- The only other place where this information can be accessed is at the UK IPO which is located in Newport, South Wales.

Strengths

- Users can complete fully comprehensive Trade Mark searches.
- Allows versatile search strategies when looking for Trade Mark words or phrases.

Weaknesses

- Unable to search for words that include numbers in the search terms.

Alternatives

- No other databases cover this Trade Mark word 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.