

**NOTICE OF A VACANCY FOR A CHAIRMAN OF A BOARD OF APPEAL OF THE OFFICE OF
HARMONISATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET**

(trade marks and designs)

(99/129/A/CHR)

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DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFICE

The Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (trade marks and designs), hereinafter referred to as the 'Office', was established by Council Regulation (EC) No 40/94 of 20 December 1993 on the Community trade mark (OJ L 11, 14.01.1994).

The Office, which has legal personality and is independent as regards technical, administrative and financial matters, is responsible for issuing and administering the Community trade mark, to which uniform protection is given and which produces its effects throughout the whole of the European Union.

In the future, it will also administer Community designs.

In the year 2000, the Office's budget will amount to approximately EUR 100 million and the number of posts will be in the region of 600.

LOCATION OF THE OFFICE

Alicante, Spain.

THE BOARDS OF APPEAL

The Office currently has several Boards of Appeal.

The Boards of Appeal are responsible for deciding on appeals from decisions of the examiners, the opposition division, the administration of trade marks and legal division and the cancellation division of the Office.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 130 of the Community trade mark Regulation, each Board of Appeal consists of three members, one of whom is the chairman. The chairmen of the Boards of Appeal of the office are responsible, under the provisions of the Community trade mark Regulation and all the detailed implementing rules arising from it, and in particular the provisions adopted by the President of the Office implementing the aforementioned Regulation, for managing a Board of Appeal and exercising the powers vested in it.

The Office is publishing this notice with a view to appointing a Chairman for one of the Boards of Appeal.

APPOINTMENT

Chairmen of the Boards of Appeal are appointed, for a period of five years, by the Council of the European Union acting on a proposal from the Administrative Board of the Office.

Candidates must be nationals of one of the Member States of the European Union and have been born after 1 March 1941.

Candidates must not have been convicted or found guilty of any criminal offence.

Candidates must have a thorough knowledge of one Community language and a satisfactory knowledge of a second Community language. One of these languages must be one of the five languages of the Office, namely Spanish, German, English, French and Italian.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- a law-related university degree.
- a minimum of 15 years' professional experience, at least five of which must have been spent in the area of intellectual property, and in particular in the area of trade marks and designs.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Judicial or quasi-judicial experience in the field of intellectual property would be an advantage.

Management experience preferably acquired in a national, Community or international public body would be an advantage.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

A five-year temporary contract pursuant to point (a) of Article 2 of the Conditions of Employment of other servants of the European Communities, in category A, grade 3. This contract is renewable. The basic monthly salary will be at least EUR 8 054,88.

Employment shall be terminated either on the date established in the contract or at the request of the temporary agent in question, on the conclusion of three months' notice, without prejudice to the relevant provisions of the above mentioned Conditions of Employment.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection will be conducted subject to the control of the Administrative Board.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

If you are interested, please submit your application by sending a detailed curriculum vitae together with all the relevant supporting documents concerning qualifications and evidence of professional experience (originals or certified copies of degrees/diplomas and statements of employment), within six weeks of publication of the present notice in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* (the postmark will serve as proof of the date of dispatch). Applications should be sent to the following address:

Chairman of the Administrative Board
Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market
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Avenida de Aguilera, no 20
E-03080 Alicante

Applications must be sent by registered post. The envelope and all correspondence should bear the following reference: 99/129/A/CHR.

The envelope must be marked as follows: 'Not to be opened by the mail service'.

Further information may be obtained from:

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