



## COVERSHEET

<b>Minister</b>	Hon Scott Simpson	<b>Portfolio</b>	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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February 2025	Trade Marks (International Registration) Amendment Regulations 2025	Office of the Minister for Commerce and Consumer Affairs
20 February 2025	Trade Marks (International Registration) Amendment Regulations 2025 LEG-25-MIN-0008 Minute	Cabinet Office

### **Information redacted**

**NO**

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# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Minute of Decision

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### Trade Marks (International Registration) Amendment Regulations 2025

**Portfolio**                      **Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

On 20 February 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1        **noted** that the Madrid System facilitates the registration of trade marks around the world;
- 2        **noted** that the Madrid System is administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization and governed by the *Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks* and the Madrid Protocol and their associated regulations;
- 3        **noted** that the Trade Marks (International Registration) Regulations 2012 (the Madrid Regulations) give effect to the Madrid System in New Zealand;
- 4        **noted** that, in 2022, the Madrid Union (of which New Zealand is a member through accession to the Madrid Protocol) approved changes to the Madrid Protocol's regulations allowing applicants to request a replacement of some or all goods and services covered in their national registration with an international registration (a partial replacement);
- 5        **noted** that, in December 2024, the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs agreed to amend the Madrid Regulations to give effect to the changes to the Madrid Protocol's regulations, to enable partial replacement covered in an applicant's national registration with an international registration;
- 6        **noted** that the Parliamentary Counsel Office has drafted the Trade Marks (International Registration) Amendment Regulations 2025 to give effect to the decision referred to in paragraph 5 above;
- 7        **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Trade Marks (International Registration) Amendment Regulations 2025 [PCO 26956/7.0];
- 8        **noted** that the Trade Marks (International Registration) Amendment Regulations 2025 are expected to come into force in late March 2025.

Tom Kelly  
Committee Secretary

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**Attendance: (See over)**

**Present:**

Rt Hon Winston Peters  
Hon David Seymour  
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)  
Hon Louise Upston  
Hon Shane Jones  
Hon Brooke van Velden  
Hon Judith Collins KC  
Hon Tama Potaka  
Hon Nicole McKee  
Hon Casey Costello  
Hon Chris Penk  
Hon Andrew Bayly  
Hon Scott Simpson, MP  
Jamie Arbuckle, MP  
Todd Stephenson, MP

**Officials present from:**

Officials Committee for LEG  
Leader of the House's Office  
Attorney-General's Office