

In application of the first final provision of the Trademark Law of May 11, 1995, the Government does hereby approve the following Regulations Governing the Creation of the Trademark Office of the Principality of Andorra in its session of November 2, 1995:

#### **Article 1**

The Trademark Office of the Principality of Andorra, hereinafter referred to as OMPA (*Oficina de Marques del Principat d'Andorra*), shall be established as a body of the general administration (*organ de l'Administració general*), reporting to the head of the Government.

#### **Article 2**

The object of OMPA is to perform the tasks assigned to it by the Trademark Law, the Law on Trademark Office Fees and the regulations derived therefrom.

#### **Article 3<sup>1</sup>**

The director of OMPA shall be appointed by the Government.

The director of OMPA shall perform the duties derived from the Trademark Law, the Law on Trademark Office Fees and the regulations developed subsequent to these laws, and shall be specifically responsible for:

- organising, directing and monitoring OMPA operations;
- undertaking commitments with third parties on those management tasks which are the specific province of OMPA;
- proposing regulations to be adopted by the Government in an effort to optimise OMPA operations;
- proposing any changes to be made by the Government in the fees established by the Law on Trademark Office Fees.
- proposing that the Government hire the necessary personnel and adopt the appropriate measures to increase efficiency and professional competence.

#### **Article 4**

All employees of OMPA shall answer to the director and shall be subject to the labour regulations applicable to government employees.

#### **Article 5**

The OMPA budget, accounting procedures and control thereof shall be established in accordance with the provisions of the General Law on Public Finance.

#### **First final provision<sup>2</sup>**

OMPA shall set the date as of which applications for trademark registration may be submitted. This date shall be prior to December 6, 1996.

#### **Second final provision**

<sup>1</sup> Text modified on 02.05.96 (entered into force 08.05.96)

<sup>2</sup> Text modified on 02.05.96 (entered into force on 08.05.96) and text modified on 15.10.96 (entered into force on 23.10.96)

The foregoing regulations shall take effect on the day on which they are published in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Andorra.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Text approved on 06.11.95 (entered into force 15.11.95)