

[IPO OFFICE ORDER NO. 13-054, April 03, 2013]

AMENDMENT OF RULE 20(2), OFFICE ORDER NO. 139, SERIES OF 2012

Rule 20(2) of Office Order No. 139, s. 2012, "Philippine Regulations Implementing the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks" is hereby amended, as follows:

Rule 20. *Declaration of Actual Use.*-

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(2) All holders of international registrations shall file a declaration of actual use and evidence to that effect, or shall show valid reasons based on the existence of obstacles to such use, as prescribed by the TM Regulations, within one (1) year from the fifth anniversary of the date of the statement of grant of protection of the mark and within one (1) year from the fifth anniversary of the date of renewal of registration of the mark. If the declaration of actual use is not submitted within the prescribed period, the IPOPHL shall remove the mark from the Register and notify the International Bureau accordingly.

This Office Order shall apply to all international registrations designating the Philippines.

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