

1.0 STANDING NOTICES

Statutory Requirements of the Publication.

THE TANZANIA PATENTS TRADE AND SERVICE MARKS JOURNAL is the Official Journal of Industrial Property for the Business Registrations & Licensing Agency (BRELA). It incorporates the official Gazette required by S. 28 (3) Of the Patent Act read together with Regulation 65 of the Patent Regulations 1994, and Trade and Service Marks Journal required by S. 13 of the Trade and Service Marks Act NO 12 of 1986.

- Condition for Advertising

All the advertised Patents, Trade and Service Marks advertised in this journal are in accordance with the requirements so provided by statutes regulating the Industrial Property in Tanzania.

No advertisement shall be valid unless the same has properly been channelled save for Articles and general information on Intellectual Property so allowed by the Registrar.

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All enquiry or correspondence concerning all matter of patents, Trade and Service marks and other aspects of industrial property in Tanzania, or about anything published in this Journal should be presented either in person at the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) Offices, at 4th Floor TFC Building, Lumumba Street, DAR ES SALAAM or by post to the Registrar of Patents, Trade and Service Marks P.O. Box 9393, DAR ES SALAAM.

2.0 STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

One of the major handicaps, which has been preventing the smooth registration process, particularly in the field of industrial property and specifically Trade and Service Marks, is the erratic and irregular advertisement system for new marks that require registration.

The Trade and Service Marks Act requires such marks to be advertised first before they are registered to give an opportunity to third parties with grounds to oppose the registration of the applied mark.

The Registrar has been using the Government Gazette publishing system to carry out that requirement. For a number of reasons, the Government Publishing System could not meet the statutory period required for a mark to be advertised, causing a lot of dissatisfaction and complaints from trade and service marks stakeholders.

BRELA as one of its strategies to improve service delivery to trade and service marks stakeholders, decided to start publishing its own journal which will carry among other intellectual property related publications the trade and service marks advertisement for purposes of registration processes.

We hope our trade and service marks stakeholders and indeed others with interest in intellectual property issues find this monthly publication worthwhile.

The relevant legislation permits BRELA to issue this publication.

Mr. Esteriano E.Mahingila
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3.0 EDITORIAL

We are witnessing the introduction of the Patents, Trade and Service Marks journal. This journal will be publishing articles, statutory notices and issues concerning Intellectual Property; besides its title the journal will also publish information on Patents and copyright and neighbouring rights issues.

The introduction of the journal is in compliance with the Trade and Service Marks law Act. No. 12 of 1986. Section 13 and Regulation 32 empowers the Registrar to publish a journal to be known as Trade and Service Marks journal in which particulars of applications of Trade and Service Marks, reported cases, statutory notices, and any other matter arising under the Act shall be published and the same case applies to section 28(3) and Regulation 65 of the Patents act No 1 of 1987 and Patents Regulations 1994.

By publishing this journal BRELA will definitely deviate from its traditional practice of publishing Intellectual Property matters through the Government official Gazette. This move besides improving our service delivery by reaching our clients and stakeholders in time, the journal shall serve as fora for sensitising the public on issues of Intellectual Property Rights. It is intended that the journal will be in circulation every month.

Due to rapid change in technology and the increase in the workload of the Intellectual Property department, this journal is viewed as one of the means by which information on Intellectual Property shall be disseminated. Any comments, Proposal, advice or question is capable of being dealt with and or availed through this Journal.

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