

TRADEMARK OPPOSITION

Key Forms

Notice of threatened opposition (TM7a)

Notice of Opposition (TM7)

Counter statement (TM8)

Evidence Round before Hearing Officers

Opportunity to opt for hearing in person or on paper

Decision

FILING AN OPPOSITION

1. Contact the applicant regarding opposition application to settle. IPO mediation service available.
2. No costs if applicant not given opportunity to withdraw undefended opposition.
3. Initial 2 month's opposition period which begins immediately after the date the trade mark is advertised in the trade marks journal. Can be extended using form TM7a (no fee) 1 month 'Notice of threatened opposition' within the initial 2 months.
4. TM7 'Notice of opposition' (fee) £200 within the initial 2 months.
5. TM9C Opposition cooling-off period available if both agrees. 9 months to negotiate before adversarial stage of proceedings.
6. TM9E Extension to of initial 9 months cooling-off period to max 18 months.
7. No cooling off agreement then opposition proceedings continue, applicant files defence (TM8).
8. Then the matter goes before the tribunal.

FAST TRACK OPPOSITION

Form TM7F fast track opposition (fee) within the initial 2 months

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