

Client Alert: Official U.S. Trademark Fee Increases

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Effective January 18, 2025, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“PTO”) will increase trademark filing fees as follows:

- Filing fees for all applications (*except WIPO International Registration extensions/designations*) will be a uniform US \$350 per class. There will no longer be a discount for using PTO pre-approved descriptions of goods and services. In addition, there will be a new penalty fee of US \$100 per class for all applications (*except WIPO International Registration extensions/designations*) which include insufficient filing information.
- For WIPO International Registration extensions/designations, the per class fee will increase from US \$500 to \$600. This increase will be implemented for applications with a receipt date on or after February 18, 2025.
- The PTO is providing significant discounts for applicants which adopt descriptions of pre-set goods and services from its [Trademark ID Manual](#). For all applications (*except WIPO International Registration extensions/designations*), using free-form text to identify goods and services, rather than goods and services in the Trademark ID Manual, will incur a new US \$200 fee per class, and *each* additional group of 1,000 characters (including punctuation and spaces) entered into the free-form text box will be charged a new US \$200 fee.
- Post-registration maintenance fees will rise from between US \$25 and \$100.

Filing	Current Fee	New Fee
Section 9 renewal application per class (filed every 10 years after registration)	US \$300	\$325
Section 8 declaration of use per class (filed between 5 th and 6 th years after registration)	US \$225	\$325
Section 15 declaration of incontestability per class	US \$200	\$250
Section 71 declaration of use (WIPO IR) per class (filed between 5 th and 6 th years after registration and again every 10 years after registration)*	US \$225	\$325
Renewal fee filed with WIPO per class*	US \$300	\$325

- Letters of protest will increase from US \$50 to \$150. Petitions to the Director will increase from US \$250 to \$400.
- Amendments to allege use and statements of use will increase from US \$100 per class to \$150 per class.

Recommended Plan of Action

- Review upcoming trademark deadlines to file maintenance documents before the increases *and budget for additional costs for 2025 filings*.
- Consider using preapproved lists of goods and services from the Trademark ID Manual to save on costs.
- File complete applications to avoid penalties for incomplete information.
- Consider filing new applications before the increases.
- Contact your CLL attorney for specific guidance.

*The fee increase will take place on or after February 18, 2025.

For further information, please contact your CLL attorney.