

Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration

ACCESSION TO THE LISBON AGREEMENT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1. On October 17, 2019, the Government of the Dominican Republic deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration. The Lisbon Agreement entered into force with respect to the Dominican Republic on January 17, 2020.
2. The said instrument contained the following declarations:
 - that for the purposes of the application of the Lisbon Agreement in the Dominican Republic, "...the applicable guiding principle shall be that priority for the national registration of a prior trademark shall confer rights enforceable against the application for registration of a subsequent Appellation of International Origin using the same trademark. Similarly, terms that have become generic may not be eligible for registration as Appellations of International Origin under the Lisbon Agreement; and
 - likewise, Appellations of International Origin composed of compound terms for which registration is sought under the Lisbon Agreement may be registered either in their entirety, or registration may be granted for only one term, having due regard to the prior existence of similar terms in the national register..."
3. Pursuant to Rule 4 of the *Common Regulations under the Lisbon Agreement and the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement*, the Government of the Dominican Republic has notified the following name and address of its competent authority for the purposes of the procedures under the Lisbon Agreement:

National Office of Industrial Property
Ministry of Industry and Trade (ONAPI)
Avenida Los Próceres No.11
Jardines del Norte
Santo Domingo, D.N.,
República Dominicana

4. Accession by the Dominican Republic brings the number of States party to the Lisbon Agreement to 30. The list of these States is available on WIPO's website, at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/lisbon/en/>.

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