



**OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET  
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)**

The President

**DECISION No EX-12-3 OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICE**

**of 31 October 2012**

**concerning extension of time limits**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET  
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 207/2009 of 26 February 2009 on the Community trade mark, in particular Article 124 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2868/95 of 13 December 1995 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 40/94 on the Community trade mark, in particular Rule 72 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2245/2002 of 21 October 2002 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 6/2002 on Community design, in particular Article 58 (4) thereof,

Whereas the Hurricane “Sandy”, being a natural disaster of unusual and exceptional virulence, has seriously affected communications between the affected countries (as in particular the United States Of America and Canada) with the European Union,

Whereas this natural disaster constitutes an exceptional occurrence that has disrupted proper communication from the parties, having their residence or registered office within the territory of the countries affected by the Hurricane, “Sandy”, to the Office,

Whereas the disruption extends to all time limits,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

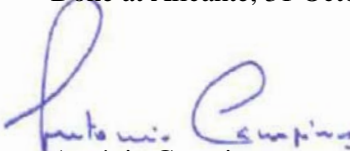
*Article 1*

In accordance with Rule 72(4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2868/95 of 13 December 1995 and Article 58(4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2245/2002 of 21 October 2002, all time limits expiring between 28 October 2012 and 11 November 2012 included, affecting parties in proceedings before the Office, having their residence or registered office within the territory of the countries affected by the Hurricane “Sandy” (in particular the United States Of America or Canada) are extended until 11 December 2012.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following its adoption. It shall be published in the Official Journal of the Office.

Done at Alicante, 31 October 2012

  
António Campinos  
President