



## **How long does it take to obtain a trademark registration in Tanzania?**

The process to register a federal trademark generally takes 3 to 6 months from start to finish. With that said, many trademark applications will receive an “Office Action” during the application process. The issuance of an Office Action can slow the process down by several months.

## **Can you claim priority in Tanzania?**

An applicant for registration of a mark who wishes to claim priority basing on earlier application filed in a country that has ratified Paris Convention, within six months of the date of such earlier application, append to his application

- a written declaration indicating the date and number of the earlier application;
- the name of the applicant and the country in which he or his predecessor in title filed such application; and
- must, before the publication of the application, furnish a copy of the earlier application certified as correct by the appropriate authority of the country in which it was filed.

## **What is a trademark monitoring service?**

A trademark monitoring service in Tanzania can notify you of trademark applications by third parties that may be similar to your trademarks. We offer trademark monitoring services in Tanzania with reports given each month. We monitor the registry documents and products in the market.

## **When do you need a trademark monitoring service?**

If you are concerned about others trying to register trademarks that are too close to yours, then a trademark monitoring service allows you to keep track of trademark filings by others so that you can take appropriate action in a timely manner.

A monitoring service differs from a trademark watch service which tracks the status and progress of a particular trademark application. If you are concerned about a specific trademark filing, then a watch service may be appropriate.

## **What can you do to block others from registering a similar trademark?**

You may be able to file a protest if the trademark application has not yet been published for opposition. If a trademark application is currently in the publication window, you can file a



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notice of opposition. If an application has already passed its publication period, you will need to wait for the application to register at which point you may file a cancellation action.