

BREXIT and your Intellectual Property

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Patents

- No change
- Existing and future European patents will continue to cover the UK



Trade Marks

- From 1 January 2021, existing EU trade mark registrations will no longer cover the UK
- On that date, the UK IP Office will create a corresponding UK trade mark registration
- This will have the same details, e.g. filing date, as the EU trade mark registration
- There will be no fee and no new certificate for the UK trade mark registration
- However, going forward, separate renewal fees will be payable for the EU and UK trade mark registrations



Trade Marks

- Pending EU trade mark applications, when granted, will not cover the UK
- A separate UK trade mark application must be made before 1 October 2021, and fees paid to the UK IP Office
- If identical to the EU application, the UK application will be entitled to the EU filing date



Copyright

- Most copyright works (e.g. books, music, films) will continue to be protected in the UK and the EU
- The UK will continue to participate in international copyright treaties



Registered Designs

- From 1 January 2021, existing EU registered designs will no longer cover the UK
- On that date, the UK IP Office will create a corresponding UK registered design
- This will have the same details, e.g. filing date, as the EU registered design
- There will be no fee and no new certificate for the UK registered design
- However, going forward, separate renewal fees will be payable for the EU and UK registered designs

