



Examination Process- Trademarks

The Examiner evaluates trademark applications based on the following criteria:

- a) Compliance with filing requirements.
 - b) Whether the trademark is subject to refusal under absolute or relative grounds as per the Trademark Act, 1999, along with the reasons for such refusal.
 - c) Whether any restrictions, conditions, or limitations need to be imposed if the application is accepted for registration.
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- Upon examination, if any objections arise, an examination report outlining the issues is issued to the applicant or their authorized agent. This report is also published on the official website. The applicant must submit a response addressing the objections, which is then reviewed by the Examiner. If the response satisfactorily resolves the objections, the application is accepted for registration and subsequently published in the Trademark Journal. If no opposition is filed within the prescribed period, the application proceeds to registration.
 - However, if the objections remain unresolved, the matter is scheduled for a hearing. A hearing notice, specifying the application number and date, is sent to the applicant or their agent at least 15 days in advance. The Hearing Officer adjudicates the matter in accordance with the Trademark Act and Rules and issues a formal order determining the status of the application.