

FOI Release
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Title: Questions about British trade marks.

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Information request:

Please send me some information or websites with this information:

- how many trade mark owners are there in Great Britain?
- how many registered and valid trademarks are there in Great Britain?
- where can I find famous brands from Great Britain and the brand equity?
- where can I find more details about registration?
- where can I find more details about the opposition procedure, solution process and appeal proceedings?
- how expensive are the individual fees for this?

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I understand that our Information Centre has already answered questions 2 to 6. With regard to question 1, it is not possible to give you an accurate answer for a number of reasons. For example, each owner will be given what we hope is a unique number for administrative purposes, but it is possible that over time many owners acquire different numbers for their name and address, for example if they change addresses every few years or vary their names.

We think that there are (very approximately) about 270,000 different trade mark owners who have live marks currently registered with us, from locations worldwide as well as from within the UK.

We hope to publish a new dataset of trade mark data which may be able to help you reach a better informed total, but that work is still in preparation.