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Title: Trade marks prefixed by the hashtag symbol

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Information request:

We would like to request the information for UK trade mark applications and registrations that begin with the symbol #. As the symbol is difficult to search, the IPO helpdesk suggested we request the information in this way.

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Please see the Trade marks prefixed by the hashtag symbol Excel spreadsheet for the result of a query we ran to identify marks which begin with a #. Please note that we cannot guarantee that all marks which have ever been filed are identified here due to migration of data – there may have been cases which were not transferred over to our present system as they were not live cases at the time of changeover.

Also, this search looks for exactly what you asked for – only marks which begin with a # - it does not include any cases where a # appears elsewhere in a the mark.

There are a few anomalies in the dataset, for example, due to a formatting limitation row No.138 is occupied by a long piece of text belonging to the mark listed in row No.137. Also please note that a few marks are listed twice because the marks in question were filed as a series, including the last on the datasheet ('YUBETCHA'), in which the hashtag only appears in one mark in the series of two.