



Intellectual Property Office

Form TM26(I) Application to declare invalid a registration or a protected international trade mark (UK)

Fee £250

Do not use this form:

- To apply to revoke a trade mark on grounds of non-use. Use Form **TM26(N)**.
- To apply to revoke a trade mark on grounds other than non-use. Use Form **TM26(O)**.

<p>1 Trade mark number Number of the trade mark you are applying to cancel. If the application concerns an International Registration, help us identify the correct trade mark by adding "IR".</p>	
<p>2 Full name of the registered owner or holder Whose trade mark you are applying to invalidate.</p>	
<p>NOTE: A copy of this form will also be sent to the trade mark registered owner/holder.</p>	
<p>3 Full name of applicant for cancellation Person or company invalidating the above trade mark</p>	
<p>Address If the address is not within the United Kingdom, Gibraltar or the Channel Islands you must also complete section 4 below. <i>If you are seeking to cancel this registration on the basis of a comparable mark, please refer to TPN 2/2020 for information about the address for service that will apply to you.</i></p>	
<p>NOTE: It will no longer be possible for two (or more) parties to jointly invalidate a trade mark based on earlier marks/ rights that they each own, unless the parties jointly own the relevant earlier marks/rights. Separate invalidations will now be required. See section 47(5)(a) of the Act.</p>	
<p>Email address In order to enable us to correspond with you by email, please provide an email address to be used for the purposes of these proceedings and any subsequent appeal to the Appointed Person.</p>	
<p>4 Representative name If you have no representative, go to section 5.</p>	
<p>Address The address provided in this section must be within the United Kingdom, Gibraltar or the Channel Islands. <i>If you are seeking to cancel this registration on the basis of a comparable mark, please refer to TPN 2/2020 for information about the address for service that will apply to you.</i></p>	
<p>NOTE: We will communicate with the representative if this section has been completed.</p>	
<p>Email address Complete if you would like us to correspond with you by email.</p>	
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5 Related proceedings If applicable, tell us the opposition or cancellation number.	IPO Registry	UK Courts	EUIPO
	Number		

6 **Invalidation notification date**
If you have informed the registered owner /holder of your intention to seek invalidation of the registration of their trade mark – enter the date you notified them.
[**See Note]

****Note:** Starting invalidation proceedings without giving the registered holder or the registered owner a reasonable opportunity to surrender the registration may result, (if the application for invalidation is undefended), in a successful applicant not being awarded costs.

7 **Declaration**

I believe that the facts stated in this form and the attached statement of grounds are true.

Signature
This can be typed or handwritten.

Name
(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Date

Number of sheets attached to this form.

8 **Your reference**
Complete if you would like us to quote this in communications with you, otherwise leave blank.

Contact details
Name, daytime telephone number of the person to contact in case of query.

Please tick on what grounds you are basing your application for invalidation of the trade mark and continue to the relevant section(s)

Invalidation is based on Sections 5(1) or 5(2): The trade mark is either identical or similar to an earlier trade mark and is to be registered for identical and/or similar goods and services.

> **COMPLETE SECTION A**

Invalidation is based on Section 5(3): The trade mark is either identical or similar to an earlier trade mark which has a reputation. Using the later mark would take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or reputation of the earlier mark.

> **COMPLETE SECTION B**

Invalidation is based on Section 5(4)(a): Where the use of the registered owner's trade mark would be contrary to law, in particular, the law of passing off.

> **COMPLETE SECTION C**

Invalidation is based on Section 3: The trade mark is excluded from registration because it describes the goods/services, or is not distinctive, or consists of signs that are customary within the trade or the application has been made in bad faith.

> **COMPLETE SECTION D**

Invalidation is based on other grounds.

> **COMPLETE SECTION E**

SECTION A: The application for invalidation is based on sections 5(1) or 5(2) of the Trade Marks Act on the basis of an earlier registered or pending mark.

Note: If the trade mark registration you seek to have declared invalid was published for opposition purposes in the Trade Marks Journal **on or after 1 October 2007**, then only the registered owner or licensee of that earlier trade mark can rely on these grounds to support the application for invalidation.

If the trade mark was published prior to **1 October 2007**, then anyone can rely on these grounds to support the application for invalidation.

Q1. Please tick the relevant section(s) that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	5(1) It is identical with an earlier mark and for identical goods or services as the earlier mark
<input type="checkbox"/>	5(2)(a) It is identical with an earlier mark and for similar goods or services as the earlier mark.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5(2)(b) It is similar to an earlier mark and for identical or similar goods or services as the earlier mark.

You must use a separate sheet for each earlier mark, so copy this sheet as many times as you need.

Information before you complete the rest of section A

Q2 – Q7 of section A are based on the earlier trade mark.

Q8 & Q9 of section A are based on the trade mark you are invalidating.

ABOUT THE EARLIER TRADE MARK

Q2. Trade mark number

Your trade mark

Q3. Type of mark

Please tick

<input type="checkbox"/>	UK	<input type="checkbox"/>	International UK
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Please note, tick the "UK" box above if your mark is a national UK mark, a comparable mark deriving from a registered EUTM or IR(EU), or a national UK mark which constitutes a re-filing of a pending EUTM. Please see TPN 2/2020 for further information.

Q4. Representation of your trade mark

Text only – enter your trade mark only and no other supporting information.

Or

An image – if you are unable to put your image in the box below, you can attach an image of the earlier trade mark to your email or print the image if sending by post.

Q5. Which goods or services covered by the earlier trade mark, are relied upon for the invalidation grounds for the sections indicated?

These should be the goods and services of the earlier trade mark and not the trade mark you are invalidating.
These goods and services should also be identical and/or similar to those contained in the trade mark registration.

<input type="checkbox"/>	All goods and services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q6. STATEMENT OF USE - Was the registration or protection process for the earlier trade mark completed 5 years or more before the date of the application for invalidity?

Yes > GO TO Q6a

No > GO TO Q8

Q6a. Has the trade mark been used within the 5 years prior to the date of the application for invalidity?

Yes > GO TO Q6b

No > GO TO Q6c

Please note, if you are relying on a comparable mark please see TPN2/2020 when it may be permissible to rely on use in the EU rather than solely in the UK.

Q6b. For which of the goods and services listed at Q5 is trade mark use being claimed in the relevant period?

<input type="checkbox"/>	All goods and services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q6c. Please state any proper reasons for non-use.

Q7. STATEMENT OF USE - Was the registration or protection process for the earlier trade mark completed 5 years or more before the application date (or priority date, if applicable) of the trade mark or international registration you wish to cancel?

You should tick 'no' if the earlier trade mark was registered less than 5 years before the application or priority date of the trade mark or international registration you are invalidating.

Yes > GO TO Q7a

No > GO TO Q8

Q7a. Has the trade mark been used within the 5 years prior to the application date (or priority date, if applicable) of the trade mark or international registration you wish to cancel?

Yes > GO TO Q7b

No > GO TO Q7c

Please note, if you are relying on a comparable mark please see TPN2/2020 when it may be permissible to rely on use in the EU rather than solely in the UK.

Q7b. For which of the goods and services listed at Q5 is trade mark use being claimed in the relevant period?

	All goods and services
	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q7c. Please state any proper reasons for non-use.

DETAILS OF THE TRADE MARK YOU ARE SEEKING TO HAVE DECLARED INVALID

Q8. Which goods or services in the registration that you are seeking to be declared invalid do you claim are identical or similar to those covered by the earlier mark and listed at Q5?

Please use a continuation sheet if necessary

These should be the goods and services of the trade mark you are invalidating and not the earlier trade mark

	All goods and services
	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q9. Use this space to supply any further information about why you consider there is a likelihood of confusion and for example why you consider the respective marks or goods and/or services to be similar?

Please use a continuation sheet if necessary

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SECTION B: The application for Invalidation is based on Section 5(3) of the Trade Marks Act: The trade mark is either identical or similar to an earlier trade mark which has a reputation. Using the later mark would take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or reputation of the earlier mark.

Note: If the trade mark registration you seek to have declared invalid was published for opposition purposes in the Trade Marks Journal **on or after 1 October 2007**, then only the proprietor or licensee of the earlier trade mark can rely on these grounds to support the application for invalidation.

If the trade mark was **prior to 1 October 2007**, then anyone can rely on these grounds to support the application for invalidation.

You must use a separate sheet for each earlier mark, so copy this sheet as many times as you need

ABOUT THE EARLIER TRADE MARK

Q1. Trade mark number Your trade mark	
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Q2. Type of mark Please tick	<input type="checkbox"/>	UK	<input type="checkbox"/>	International UK
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Please note, tick the "UK" box above if your mark is a national UK mark, a comparable mark deriving from a registered EUTM or IR(EU), or a national UK mark which constitutes a re-filing of a pending EUTM. Please see TPN 2/2020 for further information.

Q3. Representation of your trade mark
Text only – enter your trade mark only and no other supporting information.

Or
An image – if you are unable to put your image in the box below, you can attach an image of the earlier trade mark to your email or print the image if sending by post.

Q4. For which goods or services covered by your earlier trade mark did it have a reputation when the later trade mark was applied for?

These should be the goods and services of the earlier trade mark and not the trade mark you are invalidating.

	All goods and services
	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q5. For which goods or services of the later mark would use of that mark take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or reputation of the earlier trade mark?

These should be the goods and services of the trade mark you are invalidating and not the earlier trade mark.

	All goods and services
	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q6. Is it claimed that the similarity between the reputed earlier trade mark and the later trade mark is such that the relevant public will believe that they are used by the same undertaking or think that there is an economic connection between the users of the trade marks?

Yes

No

Use this space to supply any further information

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QUESTIONS 7 TO 9 SHOULD BE ANSWERED IF THERE IS ANY OTHER BASIS FOR YOUR CLAIM OTHER THAN FOR YOUR ANSWER TO Q.3

Q7. Is there any other basis for your claim of unfair advantage? If so, please explain what the advantage would be to the holder of the later mark, and why it is unfair.

Q8. Is there any other basis for your claim of detriment to the reputation of the earlier mark? If so, please explain what the detriment would be and how it would occur.

Q9. Is there any other basis for your claim of detriment to the distinctive character of the earlier mark? If so, please explain what the detriment would be and how it would affect the economic behaviour of the relevant public.

Q10. STATEMENT OF USE - Was the registration or protection process for the earlier trade mark completed 5 years or more before the date of the application for invalidity?

Yes > GO TO 10a

No > GO TO Q12

Q10a. Has the trade mark been used within the 5 years prior to the date of the application for invalidity?

Yes > GO TO Q10b

No > GO TO Q10c

Please note, if you are relying on a comparable mark please see TPN 2/2020 for when it may be permissible to rely on use in the EU rather than solely in the UK.

Q10b. For which of the goods and services listed at Q4 is trade mark use being claimed in the relevant period?

<input type="checkbox"/>	All goods and services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q10c. Please state any proper reasons for non-use.

Q11. STATEMENT OF USE - Was the registration or protection process for the earlier trade mark completed 5 years or more before the application date (or priority date, if applicable) of the trade mark or international registration you wish to cancel?

You should tick 'no' if the earlier trade mark was registered less than 5 years before the application or priority date of the trade mark or international registration you are invalidating.

Yes > GO TO Q11a

No > GO TO Q12

Q11a. Has the trade mark been used within the 5 years prior to the application date (or priority date, if applicable) of the trade mark or international registration you wish to cancel?

Yes > GO TO Q11b

No > GO TO Q11c

Please note, if you are relying on a comparable mark please see TPN 2/2020 for when it may be permissible to rely on use in the EU rather than solely in the UK.

Q11b. For which of the goods and services listed at Q4 is trade mark use being claimed in the relevant period?

	All goods and services
	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q11c. Please state any proper reasons for non-use.

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Q12. Use this space to supply any further information to explain why you are seeking to have the registered trade mark declared invalid on this ground.

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SECTION C: The application for invalidation is based on Section 5(4)(a) of the Trade Marks Act, where the use of the registered owner or holder's trade mark would be contrary to law, in particular, the law of passing off.

Note: If the trade mark registration you wish to have declared invalid was published for opposition purposes in the Trade Marks Journal on or after **1 October 2007**, then only the proprietor of the earlier trade mark can rely on these grounds to support the application for invalidation.

If the trade mark was published before **1 October 2007**, then anyone can use these grounds to support the application for invalidation.

You must use a separate sheet for each earlier mark, so copy this sheet as many times as you need.

ABOUT THE EARLIER UNREGISTERED TRADE MARK

Q1. Representation of your trade mark

Text only – enter your trade mark only and no other supporting information.

Or

An image – if you are unable to put your image in the box below, you can attach an image of the earlier trade mark to your email or print the image if sending by post.

Q2. When and where was the earlier right first used in the UK?

Date used:

Enter date of first use

Where used:

Enter name of city/region or specify 'throughout UK' if used nationally

Q3. Which goods or services has the earlier right been used for?

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DETAILS OF THE TRADE MARK YOU ARE SEEKING TO HAVE DECLARED INVALID

Q4. For which goods or services, of the trade mark that you are applying to be declared invalid, do you consider that use of the registered owner's mark would amount to passing off?

These should be the goods and services of the trade mark you are invalidating and not the earlier right

	All goods and services
	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

Q5. Why would use of the registered owner's trade mark be contrary to law, particularly the law of passing off?

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SECTION D: An application for invalidation is based on section 3 of the Trade Marks Act on the basis that the trade mark fails to satisfy certain requirements of a trade mark.

You must use a separate sheet for each earlier mark, so copy this sheet as many times as you need.

Please tick and complete the relevant section(s) that apply. *(Use a continuation sheet if necessary)*

3(1)(a) It is a sign that does not does not satisfy the requirements of section1(1) because:

3(1)(b) It is a trade mark which is devoid of any distinctive character because:

3(1)(c) It is a trade mark which consists exclusively of signs or indications which may serve, in trade, to designate the kind, quality, quantity, intended purpose, value, geographical origin, the time of production of goods or rendering of services, or other characteristics of goods or services because:

3(1)(d) It is a trade mark which consists exclusively of signs or indications which have become customary in the current language or in the bona fide and established practices of the trade because:

3(6) It is a trade mark which should not have been registered (for some or all of the goods and services in the application) as the application was made in bad faith:

Other State any other part of section 3 you rely on and give your grounds:

State which of the registered owner's goods or services you want the registration to be invalidated under Section 3 grounds

	All goods and services
	Some goods and services <i>(please specify below, use a continuation sheet if necessary)</i>

SECTION E: The application for invalidation is based on any other grounds

You must use a separate sheet for each earlier mark, so copy this sheet as many times as you need.

Use this sheet if you are basing your opposition on any other grounds and tick the appropriate box.

	Section 5(1),(2),(3)	If the applicant for invalidation is claiming protection for an earlier trade mark under Section 6(1)(c) which is a well known trade mark as defined in Section 56(1).
	Section 5(4)(b)	An earlier right by virtue of the law of copyright, or the law relating to industrial property rights.
	Section 5(6)	If the applicant for invalidation is claiming that the registration of the trade mark is in the name of a person who is an agent or representative of a person who is the proprietor of the mark in a convention country.

Give details to support the application under these grounds *(Use a continuation sheet if necessary)*

A fee will need to be paid for this form.

Tell us how you would like to pay on the following page.

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Your contact details should we have a query

Name

Email

Phone

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IPO deposit account number

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Bank transfer

Reference – use your IPO deposit account number if you have one or an application number or your name if you don't.

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Sort code	20-18-23
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Before you send us your form

Make sure you have:

- Answered questions 1 – 8 on pages 1 & 2 and the applicable sections.
- Provided a signature and date at question 7 on page 2. This can be typed or handwritten.
- Made payment by card, cheque, bank transfer or IPO deposit account.
- Completed the payment sheet above.

| We aim to process this form within 20 working days (4 weeks).

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Intellectual Property Office, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ.

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