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Protection of Indigenous Cultural Expressions through Existing Intellectual Property Law

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Indication of Origin

Varemerkeloven §2

- Et varemerke kan bestå av alle slags tegn som er egnet til å skille en virksomhets varer eller tjenester fra andres, for eksempel ord or ordforbindelser, herunder salgord, navn, bokstaver, tall, figurer og avbildninger, eller en vares form, utstyr eller emballasje.
- A trademark can consist of all types of marks that are suitable to differentiate one enterprise's goods or services from another's, for example words, or combinations of words, slogans, names, letters, numbers, designs, pictures, or the goods form, furnishments or packaging.

rademark Basics

15 USC § 1127

 The term "trademark" includes any word, name, symbol, or device, or any combination thereof –

to identify and distinguish his or her goods, including a unique product, from those manufactured or sold by others and to indicate the source of the goods, even if that source is unknown.

15 USC §1052

No trademark by which the goods of the applicant may be distinguished from the goods of other shall be refused registration on the principal register on account of its nature unless it – (various restrictions, including personal names, flags, coats of arms, immoral

raditional Trademark



eographical Identifiers

A sign used on goods that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities, a reputation or characteristic that are essentially attributable to that place of origin.

eographical Identifiers









Certification Marks

owned by one party who certifies the goods and services of others when they meet certain standards. The owner of the mark exercises control over the use of the mark; however, because the sole purpose of a certification mark is to indicate that certain standards have been met, use of the mark is by others.

Certification Marks



Collective Marks

A collective mark may be owned by an association which itself does not use the collective mark but whose members may use the collective mark; the members may use the collective mark if they comply with the requirements fixed in the regulations concerning the use of the collective mark. An enterprise entitled to use the collective mark may in addition also use its own trademark.

Collective Marks



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25 USC § 305a(g)(1) Powers of the Board

 ...to create for the Board, or for an individual Indian or Indian tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, trademarks of genuineness and quality for Indian product and products of an individual Indian or particular Indian arts and crafts organization.

Is, Certification, and Collective Marks

- **Geographical Identifiers**
 - Protects the 'where'
- **Certification Marks**
- Protects the 'how'
- **Collective Marks**
 - Protects the 'by whom'

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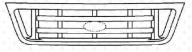
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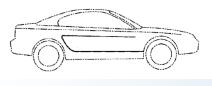


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Application filed July 25, 1925. Serial No. 217,845.



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Few Problems

Ownership of a Mark

Decision Making Power

Rights of Owners

Additionally Considerations

- Use in Commerce Requirements
- **Registration Requirements**
- **Evidentiary Issues**
- **Competing Registered Marks**
- Marks with Religious or Sacred Importance
- **Undisclosable Marks**

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Article 4 (1)

 Special measures shall be adopted as appropriate for safeguarding the persons, institutions, *property*, labour, *cultures* and environments of the peoples concerned.

Article 23

 Handicrafts, rural and community-based industries ... shall be recognised as important factors in the maintenance of their cultures and in their economic self-reliance and development. Governments shall, with the participation of these people and whenever appropriate, ensure that these activities are strengthened and promoted. **i T** RCTIC RSITY RWAY

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