What is a Trademark?

Trademark:

- A distinctive sign which identifies the goods and services of one company from those of another
- A trademark helps consumers to identify and choose between products/services based on their reputation and quality



Coca-Cola registered since 1887



Nike registered since 1971

Trademark

Different types of trademarks:

Word e.g.

Logo e.g.



• Word/Logo e.g.



Trademark Different types of trademarks

Numerals/Letters







Slogans RADOŚĆ SMAKU DLA DOROSŁYCH I DZIECIAKÓW

Trademark

Different types of trademark

Well-known mark



- Collective mark?
- Certification mark?



POLLENA

Requirements for a Good Trademark

- Distinctive (unique)
- Not descriptive
- Not similar or identical

Distinctive

Distinctive (unique) and not descriptive for the type of product or service being registered

but

if descriptive, it can be registered only if sufficient evidence of use is presented - acquired distinctiveness

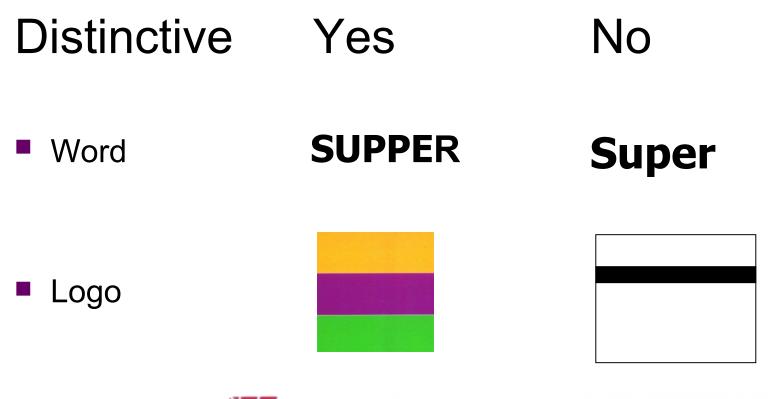
DISTINCTIVENESS

CHEESE FROM DENMARK



TENNISSHOES

ADIDAS TENNISSHOES

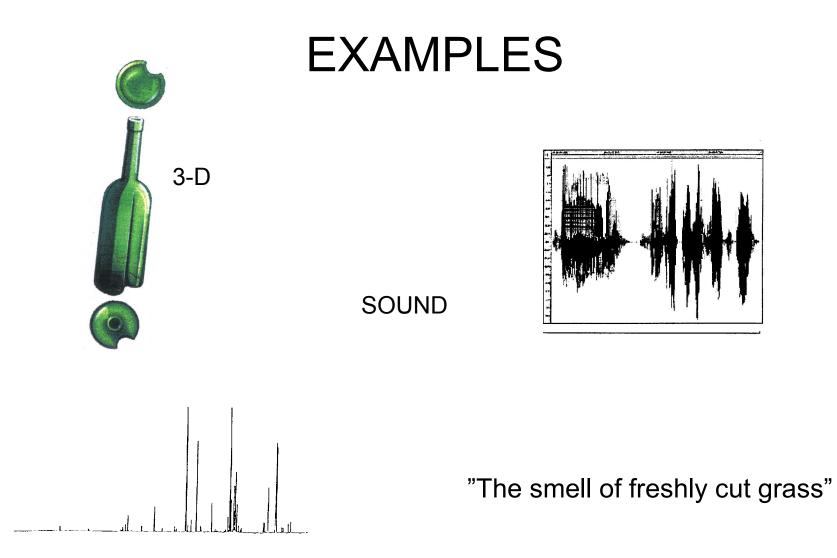




New Kinds of Trademarks

- 3-dimensional
- Sound
- Smell
- Feel
- Moving
- What the future brings
- Colours

Important: Graphic reproduction!



SMELLS

Distinctiveness

3D





COCA-COLA IS THE MUSIC

- THE BEST PIZZAS UNDER ONE ROOF
- PEPSI THE CHOICE OF A NEW GENERATION

Exercise

Half price for clothes

Jaguar for cars



- Tetley for tea bags
- Handy for chainsaws



Similar/Identical

If it concerns the same or similar/identical products and services:

The name of product/service cannot be similar or identical to a previous mark

however

- The same similar/identical brand name can be used for different products/services in different classes
 but
- Well-known marks have a broader scope

Similar/Identical

Meaning the way the mark is:

- Written
- Looks
- Phonetic (sounding)
- Conceptual similarity

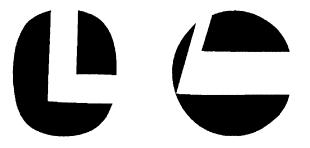
Similar/Identical - Examples

Written

Looks

Sounding

Cool/Kool



Basket / Buskit For You/ 4 U

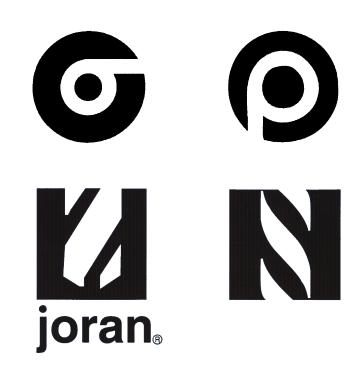
Conceptual

Star/Stern

Exercise

- Riverland
- Zymlin
- Eurica

- Timberland
 - Xymelin
 - Erika



Varied Protection of a trademark

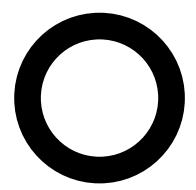
How close can you get to another trademark?

- Strong trademark gives wider protection
- Weak trademark gives less protection

Examples – Strong/Weak

DERMATECH





SAMSUNG





Classification system

- Like a library system
- 45 classes
- Important to make a good list of goods and services
- Think 5 years ahead

How to apply

- Sprawdź, czy nie naruszasz praw osób trzecich;
- Złóż prawidłowo wypełniony formularz zgłoszenia i wnieś stosowne opłaty; (w przypadku wątpliwości skorzystaj z
 - profesjonalnej pomocy rzecznika patentowego);

International Protection

Trademark filed:

- National Office acquires national protection
- EU system:

OHIM – acquire protection in 25 member states

International system:

Madrid Protocol – member states

EU Trademark - Community Trade Mark

- Covers the entire European Community 25 Member States
- Apply at the OHIM Offices in Alicante (e-filing accepted) (or National Office)
- Fees (can be viewed at the OHIM website: www.oami.europa.eu)



Obtaining an EU trademark

There are some differences between the National trademark system and the EU system:

- Distinctiveness
- Similarity

International filing

Madrid



- National Applications e.g. in Australia, USA
- Priority claimed for a Polish application within 6 months

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

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¹ By designating **Ireland**, **Singapore** or the **United Kingdom**, the applicant declares that he has the intention that the mark will be used by him or with his consent in that country in connection with the goods and services identified in this application.

² If the United States of America is designated, it is compulsory to annex to the present international application the official form (MM18) containing the declaration of intention to use the mark required by this Contracting Party.

Consequences of infriging

- If you infringe someone else's trademark or design, you may risk:
- Injunction, which means that all the infringer's products with the infringing trademark on or the same design can be removed from the marked
- Destruction of products
- Being given a fine
- Being sentenced to imprisonment (in gross cases)

Consequences of infriging

- Paying damages to the trademark or design owner
 - e.g. Burberry vs. Zebra





Why register?

- To have an exclusive right
- Stop others from copying
- Certificate of ownership



