

Key Differences

Items	UK	EU
Filing Costs	£170 for filing and £50 for each additional class	€850 for filing, €50 for the second class and €50 for each additional class
Series Applications	Allowed (up to 6 trade marks)	Not allowed
Search for Prior Marks	A single communication is issued that covers all these points	Separate communications may be issued in relation to each of these points
Examination of Classification		
Examination of Absolute Grounds		
Opposition Period	2 months from publication; extendable by 1 month by filing a Notice of Threatened Opposition	3 months from publication; no extensions allowed
Opposition (Cooling-Off Period)	2 month cooling-off period; extendable to a total of 18 months	2 month cooling-off period; extendable to a total of 24 months
Opposition (Procedure)	The applicant initially files a defence and counterstatement followed by separate evidence rounds; extensions of time are only permitted in exceptional circumstances	The opponent and then the applicant are required to file their facts, evidence and arguments; extensions of time of up to two months are generally permitted
Opposition (Evidence)	Evidence must comply with stricter rules and is typically in the form of a witness statement or statutory declaration	Evidence is submitted together with arguments and does not need to be in the form of a witness statement, affidavit or statutory declaration

For more information and to obtain a competitive cost estimate for a UK trade mark application, please email our trade marks team at contact@adamson-jones.co.uk