



Notification to the opponent of an extension of the period before the commencement of the adversarial part of the opposition proceedings (Rule 18(1) CTMIR)

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Your reference: **ALI-OT-617836**

Opposition number: **B 002512609**

Contested trade mark number: **013312806**

Name of the opponent: **Deutsche Telekom AG**

At the request of both parties to extend the ("cooling-off") period before the start of the adversarial part of the opposition proceedings, this period has been extended by **22** months. Please note that according to the Office's practice, all requests for extension of the cooling-off period are automatically granted up to the maximum of 24 months provided for in Rule 18(1) CTMIR, regardless of the period requested by the parties. The parties have the possibility of opting out.

Accordingly, the cooling-off period will now expire on **04/05/2017**. Unless one of the parties opts out before this date (see below under opting out), the adversarial part of the proceedings will begin on **05/05/2017**.

You now have until **04/07/2017** to provide any further facts, evidence or arguments which you consider necessary to support your opposition. Please be reminded that the evidence you submit to substantiate the earlier mark/s must show that the term of protection extends beyond the time limit you have to complete the opposition (Rule 19(1), (2)(a)(ii) CTMIR).

The applicant/holder now has until **04/09/2017** to submit its observations in reply to your opposition.

Opting out

If either of the parties wants the adversarial part of the proceedings to commence, they can opt out and inform the Office thereof unilaterally, without the consent of the other party.

When one of the parties opts out before the expiry of the cooling-off period, the Office will notify both parties and the cooling-off period will expire two weeks after that

notification. The adversarial part of the proceedings will commence the day after. In the same notification new time limits will be set for you to provide any further facts, evidence or arguments which you consider necessary to support the opposition and for the applicant/holder to submit its observations in reply.

Opting out is irrevocable. Opting out during the last month before the commencement of the proceedings will not be accepted.

Please note that the Office will reject any request for suspension based on ongoing negotiations between the parties received during the cooling-off period, as this could extend the cooling-off period beyond the total of 24 months established by Rule 18(1) CTMIR.

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