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Mesmin Pierre
Director General
Trademarks Branch
Canadian Intellectual Property Office
Dear Mr. Pierre,

I am writing to you about the proposed Trademarks Regulations published in the Canada Gazette, Part I.

By way of background, I am Senior Legal Counsel at Reckitt Benckiser (Canada) Inc. I file and prosecute trademark applications on behalf of Reckitt Benckiser (Canada) Inc., Reckitt Benckiser Finish B.V., and Reckitt Benckiser Fabric Treatment B.V.

I am a Canadian trademark lawyer and a Canadian trademark agent. I have been a trademark lawyer for 7 years. In view of this background, I am very knowledgeable about Canadian trademark prosecution, among other areas.

I have considered the published Trademarks Regulations. I am very concerned about certain sections which are exceptionally difficult to understand. In fact, some of the sections appear to be incomprehensible. This is of serious concern to me since I am responsible for protecting my company's trademarks. Given that I need to be confident that I clearly understand every section of the Trademarks Regulations, I am very worried that unclear wording in the regulations could result in a loss of my company's trademark rights.

The sections which appear to be the most difficult to understand are sections: 32(2), 32(3), 154(2), 155, 159 and 160.

I respectfully urge CIPO to amend the wording of those sections so that they are understandable to a typical trademark agent, clear and unambiguous.

Regards,

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