

I would like to submit the following comments regarding the proposed change to the trademark fees in Canada.

1. Amortized over the term of protection, the fees are being increased regardless of the number of classes. For 1 class, the fee hike is 10%. For 2 classes, the fee hike is 43%. For 3 classes, the fee hike is 76%. For a 10-class application, the fee hike is 410%. The same comment applies to renewal fees; on an amortized basis, the fee is being increased by 72% for a 1-class registration.
2. CIPO should use the proceeds of these fee increases to improve its operations, and the government should commit to allow CIPO to keep the proceeds. For example, CIPO could end the practice of using non-lawyers as Examiners and improve salaries accordingly.

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