

## **Guidelines for Domain Experts submitting Recommendations on the Registrability of Trade Mark Applications referred by the Intellectual Property Assessment Committee (IPaC)**

1. Domain Experts are expected to treat all disclosures made available to them by the inventor(s) confidential.
2. Domain Experts shall evaluate whether the mark is inadmissible based on the following;  
Whether a Mark;  
(1) consists of any scandalous design or is contrary to morality or public order is likely to offend the religious or racial susceptibilities or any community;  
(2) is likely to mislead the public due to a mark/trade name already used in Sri Lanka.  
(3) is a well known mark.
3. The Domain Expert shall check whether a clear and complete list of the particulars of goods or services in respect of which registration of the mark is requested has been given by the applicant.
4. Domain Experts are advised to contact Assistant Registrar (Legal & Documentation) through Chairman/IPAC if they feel that a search report is needed from NIPO.
5. If Domain Experts have any doubts, they are advised to communicate with the Applicant.
6. IPaC expects the domain experts to submit their report within 2 weeks in the template provided in the ***Annex I*** hereof.

Report of the Domain Expert for Intellectual Property Assessment (IPaC)  
 Name/s of the Applicant/s:  
 Title of the Application:

The Chairman,  
 Intellectual Property Assessment Committee.

After having gone through the submission by the above applicant/s, I recommend following.

The application satisfies/does not satisfy following conditions.

Condition*	Whether the application satisfy the condition
consists of any scandalous design	Yes/No
contrary to morality or public order	Yes/No
likely to offend the religious or racial susceptibilities or any community	Yes/No
likely to mislead the public due to a mark/trade name already used in Sri Lanka	Yes/No
well known mark	Yes/No
clear and complete list of the particulars of goods or services in respect of which registration of the mark is requested has been given.	Yes/No

\* All the conditions have to be satisfied for the application to be recommended for filing at the NIPO

**Please tick as appropriate.**

Recommended

Recommended subject to following:

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Not recommended due to following:

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Name of the Domain Expert : .....

Signature of the Domain Expert : .....

Date : .....