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ACT

Respecting Collective Marks

The President of Iceland

makes known:- The Althingi (Legislative Assembly) has passed the present Act and I have ratified it with my approval.

Art. 1

Associations or unions may acquire sole rights for their members to use in business activities a joint special mark for goods or services.

Authorities, establishments, associations or unions supervising or determining standards for goods or services may acquire sole rights to use or permit the use of a mark for the goods or services to which the supervision or

standards apply.

The marks to which the present Act applies are named Collective Marks.

Art. 2

As far as the provisions of the present Act do not stipulate the provisions of the Act respecting Trade Marks No. 45/1997 will apply to Collective Marks as applicable.

Art. 3

Marks or information which do in business indicate the geographical origin of goods or services may be considered to constitute Collective Marks, the provisions of para. 1, Art 13 of the Trade Marks Act notwithstanding. Such a mark does not grant its owner the right to forbid a third party the use of the mark or the information for professional purposes, provided the use be in conformity with good business practises.

Art. 4

Collective marks are registered in the Trade Marks Registry. An application for the registration of a Collective Mark shall be delivered in writing to the Patents Office undertaking

the registration of Collective Marks. The stipulated fee shall be attached to an application.

An application shall specify the mark, by means of an illustration if applicable, and the goods or services for which registration of the mark is being requested. There shall also be specified the name or title of the applicant. An application shall furthermore be in conformity with the provisions of Regulations respecting Trade Marks as applicable. The rules applying to the use of the mark shall accompany an application.

The rules applying to the use of the mark shall inter alia reveal:-

- a. who be authorized to use the mark and which conditions attach to such authority,
- b. which consequences result from the unjust use of the mark and
- c. which rights and duties the owner of the mark has vis-à-vis those using the mark in an unauthorized manner.

Art. 5

In case of amendments to the rules relating to the use of