**TEAS 5.8 and TEASi 2.7 release highlights**

We are making changes to the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) and the Trademark Electronic Application System International (TEASi) Jan. 14, 2017 and have highlighted the significant changes below. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the releases, please contact [TEAS@uspto.gov](mailto:TEAS@uspto.gov).

**Fee changes**

We are changing some trademark processing and service fees in order to better reflect the full cost of providing trademark services and to promote lower-cost electronic filing options.

**TEAS fee changes summary**

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| **Description** | **Current fee** | **Change** | **Final fee** |
| TEAS Regular application, per class | $325 | $75 | $400 |
| Additional processing fee for application that doesn't meet TEAS Plus or TEAS RF requirements | $50 | $75 | $125 |
| Affidavit under §8 of the Act, per class | $100 | $25 | $125 |
| Affidavit under §71 of the Act, per class | $100 | $25 | $125 |
| Extension request, per class | $150 | ($25) | $125 |

TEAS Regular

* The per-class fee for an initial application for registration filed using the TEAS Regular option will increase from $325 to $400.
* This application type does not require an applicant communicate electronically with us throughout the course of prosecution of the application. This increase will encourage applicants to commit to complete electronic processing using one of the lower-cost application options (TEAS Plus and TEAS RF).
* This increase also applies to requests for extension of protection and subsequent designations filed under the Madrid Protocol.

Other Electronic Fee Changes

* We are reducing the fee from $150 to $125 per class for a request for an extension of time to file a statement of use that is filed electronically.
* The fee for filing affidavits under Sections 8 and 71 will also increase from $100 to $125 per class under the new fee rule.
* The processing fee for an application that doesn't meet the TEAS Plus or TEAS RF filing requirements will increase from $50 to $125 per class. See the [Trademark fee changes page](https://www.uspto.gov/trademark/fees-payment-information/trademark-fee-changes) for a list of all fees that will be adjusted.

Paper filing fees:

* All paper filing fees will increase to bring the fees closer to the actual cost of processing paper filings and to incentivize electronic filing.

**TEAS reformatted declarations**

Starting Jan. 14, 2017, you will see improvements to the declaration and signature portion section of several forms within TEAS. We separated the clauses in these areas so they are easier to read and require users to check a box next to each one prior to submission. This change will appear on the following forms:

* TEAS Plus
* TEAS Regular
* TEAS RF
* Certification Mark Application
* Collective Membership Mark Application
* Collective Trademark/Service Mark Application
* Trademark/Servicemark Application, Supplemental Register
* Statement of Use/Amendment to Allege Use for Intent-to-Use Application
* Declaration of Use and/or Excusable Nonuse of a Mark under Section 8
* Declaration of Use and/or Excusable Nonuse of a Mark under Section 71
* Combined Declaration of Use and Incontestability under Sections 8 and 15
* Combined Declaration of Use and Application for Renewal of Registration of Mark under Sections 8 and 9

View the [TEAS reformatted declarations page](https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/TEAS_Reformatted_Declarations.docx) for a complete list of changes.

**Entity information section**

We are revising the warning messages and error messages that appear in the TEAS entity information section of many TEAS forms so they are easier to read and also include links to the relevant TMEP sections for further information. The impacted entity types are (1) individual, (2) corporation, (3) limited liability company, (4) partnership, (5) limited partnership, (6) joint venture, (7) sole proprietorship, (8) trust, and (9) estate.

Additionally, we are enhancing many of the response forms, Intent-to-Use (ITU) forms, Post Notice of Allowance forms, Petition forms, Miscellaneous forms, and Post Registration forms to require all entity information at the time of filing.

**“Sign directly” signature approach**

We are updating all forms to ensure that signatories using the sign directly signature method enter his or her signature between two forward slashes and do not include any characters outside of the forward slashes. Examples of acceptable "signatures" include: /john doe/; /jd/; or /123-4567/. Signatories who do not use the proper format will receive the following error message: "You must enter your signature in the proper format, i.e., an alpha numeric entry, preceded and followed by two forward slash symbols. E.g., /john smith/ or /js/."

**Character limit expanded to 19 for foreign registration number field**

We are increasing the number of allowable characters in the foreign registration number field to 19 characters to accommodate longer foreign registration numbers provided by some countries.

**ITU forms**

We are correcting a bug in the Allegation of Use form which allows users to state that they are filing an Extension Request with their amendment to allege use. The option to file an extension request should only appear if a Statement of Use is being filed. The check box choice will not be available unless a Notice of Allowance has issued.

We are also correcting a bug in the Statement of Use and Extension Request forms that displays authorized email addresses as unauthorized in the TEXT version of the forms.

**Sensory marks**

We are fixing the bug in Post Registration forms that prevented the filing of records with sensory marks.

**Madrid TEASi form enhancements**

Effective Jan. 6, 2017, we are enhancing the international application to include designations to Brunei Darussalam. Further information can be found on the [WIPO website](http://www.wipo.int/madrid/en/news/2016/news_0020.html).

We have updated the TEASi Subsequent Designation form and Application for International Registration forms to improve the readability of statements related to the limitation of goods/services for selected countries.