

JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

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Advisory: Discontinuation of the Current Search Platform in Office & Launching of

a New Search Platform in Office

Re Basic Trade Mark Searches

This serves to advise that the current trade mark search facility that is available at our office will be discontinued as of **2024**, **March 1** and a new platform, (hereinafter called "e-JIPO"), will be provided to facilitate <u>basic trade mark searches</u> being conducted at our office as of **2024**, **March 1**.

Most of you would have already been familiar with the search feature on e-JIPO as the link to same was shared with you in a previous email in 2023 November to ascertain your feedback on the phonetic search feature, which you have ably provided.

In keeping with the provisions of the *Trade Marks Act*, 2016 (as amended by the *Trade Marks (Amendment) Act*, 2021), e-JIPO users will **NOT** have access to pending or unpublished trade mark applications.

Re Detailed Trade Mark Searches

With respect to conducting a <u>detailed trademark search</u>, users will be allowed to conduct same via e-JIPO (at our office). For the avoidance of doubt, the detailed search option will only provide further information on marks that were found in the basic search.

As articulated in the legislation, this will be a paid service. The cost to conduct a detailed trademark search is **One Thousand Nine Hundred Jamaican Dollars** (**J\$1,900.00**) per hour or any fraction thereof. Fees are payable to the Collection Officer in office. Customers will therefore be allowed detailed access search by a team member of the Trade Marks, Designs & Geographical Indications Branch once they come in office and make the above payment to our Collection Officer.

e-JIPO can be accessed using this link - https://online.jipo.gov.jm/.

Should you require clarification above, please feel free to communicate same to any member of the Trade Marks, Designs & Geographical Indications Branch.

Regards

Executive Director