

## Membership of International Conventions

### Paris Convention

A corresponding patent, design or trade mark application can be filed in any country which is a member of the Paris Convention claiming the effective filing date of a British application. [Members states](#)

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### Patent Cooperation Treaty

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### European Patent Convention

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### European Union

A Community Trade Mark Registration or a Community Design Registration covers all of the countries of the European Union with a single application. [Members states](#)

### Madrid System

Under the Madrid System, a single trade mark application can designate any number of the member countries. The United Kingdom is a party to the Madrid Protocol, but not the Madrid Agreement, so that a British applicant can only designate those countries that are also party to the Protocol. [Members states](#)



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