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The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) must motivate and justify the application or non-application of its criteria in similar cases: Collegiate Courts [Read more...](#)

On August 18, 2023, the Mexican Supreme Court published a thesis with digital registration number 2027029, titled "Trademarks. The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) is Obligated to Motivate and Justify the Application or Non-Application of its Criteria in Similar Cases, when resolving on its registration (Trademark Precedents)."

Through this precedent, issued by the Twentieth Collegiate Court in Administrative Matters of the First Circuit, it was resolved that the IMPI is obliged to motivate and justify its decisions when it decides to deny the registration of a distinctive sign, when there is a similar previous one, and decides to depart from its own criteria.

This is due to the obligation of authorities to be consistent in their determinations, and to safeguard the human rights of equality and legal certainty.

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Last July, taking advantage of several meetings of the WIPO Assemblies, managers of IP offices discussed information and communication technologies (ICT) and the importance of digital transformation. Topics such as best practices for IP offices, AI and blockchain integration, and data protection were among others, addressed.

New Unitary Patent System

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The European Patent Office's Unitary Patent is a new type of patent that provides protection throughout the European Union (EU). As of last June, seventeen European Union countries are part of a single patent market. This offers multiple advantages to patent holders; among others, they will be able to apply for protection in a single office (without having to manage the corresponding protection in each EU country), at more affordable prices, with advantages for SMEs. Under this figure, patent protection will therefore be simpler, broader - throughout the EU instead of in a single country or group of countries- and at lower cost.

Also, the competent authority that will hear Unitary Patents for existing European patents will be the new Unified Patent Court (UPC). It is expected that this authority will provide a more coherent legal framework applicable to patent disputes and will reduce contingencies in terms of contradictory decisions. In fact, a single appeal before the UPC will replace multiple proceedings before national courts.

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