UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO) OFFICE ACTION (OFFICIAL LETTER) ABOUT APPLICANT'S TRADEMARK APPLICATION

U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 79245872

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INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION NO. 1435358

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This is a **PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL** of the request for extension of protection of the mark in the above-referenced U.S. application. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1141h(c). See below in this notification (hereafter "Office action") for details regarding the provisional full refusal.

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issues below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

SEARCH OF OFFICE'S DATABASE OF MARKS]

The trademark examining attorney has searched the Office's database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). TMEP §704.02; *see* 15 U.S.C. §1052(d).

SUMMARY OF ISSUES:

- Identification of Goods
- Entity Missing
- Name Inquiry
- Translation Required



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IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS

The identification of goods is unacceptable because it is indefinite and must be clarified. See 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §1402.06.

Applicant must specify that the fish are processed in some way in order to ensure proper classification.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Applicant may substitute the following wording, if accurate:

Class 029 - {specify type, e.g., Processed, Preserved, Salted, Marinated, Seasoned, Pickled, Boiled and dried, Frozen, Dried} fish in boxes and in barrels

Applicant may amend the identification to clarify or limit the goods, but not to broaden or expand the goods beyond those in the original application or as acceptably amended. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Generally, any deleted goods may not later be reinserted. *See* TMEP §1402.07(e). Additionally, for applications filed under Trademark Act Section 66(a), the scope of the identification for purposes of permissible amendments is limited by the international class assigned by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (International Bureau); and the classification of goods may not be changed from that assigned by the International Bureau. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §1401.03(d), 1904.02(b). Further, in a multiple-class Section 66(a) application, classes may not be added or goods transferred from one existing class to another. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §1401.03(d).

For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable <u>U.S.</u> <u>Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual</u>. See TMEP §1402.04.

ENTITY MISSING

The application does not indicate applicant's legal entity and citizenship, or state or country of organization or incorporation. Accordingly, applicant must specify its legal entity and its national citizenship or the U.S. state or foreign country of organization or incorporation. *See* 37 C.F.R. \$2.32(a)(3)(i)-(iv), 2.61(b); TMEP \$803.03, 803.04. Acceptable legal entities include an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a joint venture, or the foreign equivalent. *See* TMEP \$803.03 *et seq*.

If applicant's legal entity is an individual, applicant must so specify and provide his or her national citizenship. TMEP §803.03(a).

If applicant is a corporation, association, partnership, joint venture, or the foreign equivalent, applicant must so specify and provide the U.S. state or foreign country under whose laws applicant is organized or incorporated. TMEP §803.04. For a U.S. partnership or joint venture, applicant must also list the names, legal entities and national citizenship or the U.S. state or foreign country of organization or incorporation of all the general partners or joint ventures. TMEP §803.03(b)-(c). For an association, applicant must also specify whether the association is incorporated or unincorporated. TMEP §803.03(c).

NAME INQUIRY

Applicant must clarify whether the name ANGELO PARODI in the mark identifies a particular living individual. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §§813, 1206.03. In this case, the application neither specifies whether the name in the mark identifies a particular living individual nor includes a written consent. *See* TMEP §§813.01(a)-(b), 1206.04(a), 1206.05.

To register a mark that consists of or comprises the name of a particular living individual, including a first name, pseudonym, stage name, or nickname, an applicant must provide a written consent personally signed by the named individual. 15 U.S.C. §1052(c); TMEP §§813, 1206.04(a).

Accordingly, if the name in the mark does <u>not</u> identify a particular living individual, applicant must submit a statement to that effect (e.g., "The name shown in the mark does not identify a particular living individual.").

However, if the name in the mark does identify a particular living individual, applicant must submit both of the following:

(1) The following statement: "The name shown in the mark identifies a living individual whose consent to register is made of record." If the name is a pseudonym, stage name, or nickname, applicant must provide the following statement: "ANGELO PARODI identifies <specify actual name>, a living individual whose consent is of record."

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(2) **A written consent**, personally signed by the named individual, as follows: "I, <specify name>, consent to the use and registration of my name, ANGELO PARODI, as a trademark and/or service mark with the USPTO."

For an overview of the requirements pertaining to names appearing in marks, and instructions on how to satisfy this requirement online using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) response form, please go to http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/law/consent.jsp.

Failure to comply with a request for information is grounds for refusing registration. *In re Harley*, 119 USPQ2d 1755, 1757-58 (TTAB 2016); TMEP §814.

TRANSLATION REQUIRED

To permit proper examination of the application, applicant must submit an English translation of the foreign wording in the mark ANGELO. 37 C.F.R. §§2.32(a)(9), 2.61(b); *see* TMEP §809. The following English translation is suggested: **The English translation of "ANGELO" in the mark is "ANGEL".** TMEP §809.03. See attached translation evidence.

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RESPONSE GUIDELINES

Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney with questions about this Office action. Although the trademark examining attorney cannot provide legal advice or statements about applicant's rights, the trademark examining attorney can provide applicant with additional explanation about the requirements in this Office action. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06. Although the USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions, emails can be used for informal communications and will be included in the application record. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05.

WHO IS PERMITTED TO RESPOND TO THIS PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL: Any response to this provisional refusal must be personally signed by an individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant (e.g., a corporate officer or general partner). 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(b), 2.193(e)(2)(ii); TMEP §712.01. If applicant hires a qualified U.S. attorney to respond on his or her behalf, then the attorney must sign the response. 37 C.F.R. §§2.193(e)(2)(i), 11.18(a); TMEP §§611.03(b), 712.01. Qualified U.S. attorneys include those in good standing with a bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. commonwealths or U.S. territories. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.17(a), 2.62(b), 11.1, 11.14(a); TMEP §§602, 712.01. Additionally, for all responses, the proper signatory must personally sign the document or personally enter his or her electronic signature on the electronic filing. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.193(a); TMEP §§611.01(b), 611.02. The name of the signatory must also be printed or typed immediately below or adjacent to the signature, or identified elsewhere in the filing. 37 C.F.R. §2.193(d); TMEP §611.01(b).

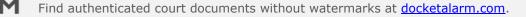
In general, foreign attorneys are not permitted to represent applicants before the USPTO (e.g., file written communications, authorize an amendment to an application, or submit legal arguments in response to a requirement or refusal). *See* 37 C.F.R. §11.14(c), (e); TMEP §§602.03-.03(b), 608.01.

DESIGNATION OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE: The USPTO encourages applicants who do not reside in the United States to designate a domestic representative upon whom any notice or process may be served. TMEP §610; *see* 15 U.S.C. §§1051(e), 1141h(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.24(a)(1)-(2). Such designations may be filed online at http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/teas/correspondence.jsp.

If the applicant has any questions or requires assistance in responding to this Office Action, please telephone or email the assigned examining attorney.

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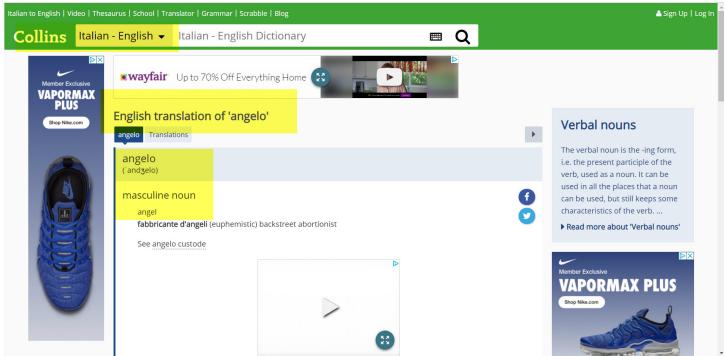
WHO MUST SIGN THE RESPONSE: It must be personally signed by an individual applicant or someone with legal authority to bind an applicant (i.e., a corporate officer, a general partner, all joint applicants). If an applicant is represented by an attorney, the attorney must sign the response.

PERIODICALLY CHECK THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION: To ensure that applicant does not miss crucial deadlines or official notices, check the status of the application every three to four months using the Trademark Status and Document Retrieval (TSDR) system at http://tsdr.uspto.gov/. Please keep a copy of the TSDR status screen. If the status shows no change for more than six months, contact the Trademark Assistance Center by e-mail at TrademarkAssistanceCenter@uspto.gov or call 1-800-786-9199. For more information on checking status, see http://tsdr.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/status/.

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