



**OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)**

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CALL FOR INTEREST FOR A SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT AT THE OHIM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) ("OHIM") was established by Council Regulation (EC) No 40/94 of 20 December 1993 on the Community trade mark. The OHIM is responsible for administering Community trade marks and Community designs (receiving some 110,000 and 23,000 applications respectively a year). More recently, our remit has been extended to cover the work of the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights. Entrusted to OHIM in June 2012, the Observatory brings public and private stakeholders together in the fight against piracy and counterfeiting.

In this context, the OHIM is seeking the support of one Seconded National Expert from national public bodies in the area of customs administration. In order to provide an understanding of the profile and qualifications we are considering for such an expert, please refer to the description enclosed.

Also in annex you will find general information on the Seconded National Expert scheme. The specific details of any secondment are agreed upon by the OHIM and the relevant national authority.

In case this proposal meets your interest, we would kindly request you to launch an internal call for interest aiming at identifying potential candidates. Please send us the CVs of the pre-selected candidates before 19th September 2014 at NationalExperts@oami.europa.eu. As a next step, OHIM would then arrange for interviews to identify the most suitable candidates.

Yours faithfully,



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