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CALL FOR INTEREST **FOR A SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT**

The OHIM is currently seeking the support of one Customs Officer as Seconded National Expert to work in the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights.

1. BACKGROUND

The OHIM is in charge of all the activities related to the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights. The Observatory comprises two Areas, each headed by a Deputy Director: the Observatory Operations and Projects Area, and the Academy. In addition, the Observatory includes the Chief Economist, who, under the direct responsibility of the Director of the Observatory, is in charge of all activities related to economic studies and statistical analyses to be performed for purposes of the Office. The Observatory Operations and Projects Area is responsible for the fulfilment of the tasks entrusted by the Regulation No 386/2012. In order to achieve that, it is in charge of:

- Identification and implementation of the projects.
- Delivery of analysis, studies and reports of the Observatory.
- Preparation of the Observatory work plans.
- Management of the Public and Private-sector stakeholders.
- Provision of technical assistance as well as expertise in IP enforcement matters in cooperation programmes which relate to tasks and activities of the Observatory.

The Seconded National Expert would work under the Observatory Operations and Projects Area contributing to aspects specific to customs.

2. DUTIES

Under the authority of the Deputy Director within the Observatory Operations and Projects Area, the Seconded National Expert will perform the following tasks:

- Propose and, once approved, implement activities and projects meant to (a) improve EU customs administrations' understanding of the scope and impact of infringements of intellectual property rights; and (b) support customs enforcement of intellectual property rights;
- Contribute to a successful deployment of the Enforcement Database (<https://www.tmdn.org/enforcementdb-ui-webapp/>), especially in customs administrations in EU Member States;
- Contribute to the design and delivery of seminars and training intended to enhance the expertise of customs officers involved in intellectual property rights' enforcement;
- Assist in the institutional relations with national customs administrations and the European Commission (DG TAXUD);

- Draft reports and documents in accordance with specific rules, procedures and quality standards;
- In general, contribute to the successful implementation of projects within the Observatory's work programme (<https://oami.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/web/observatory/about-us>).

3. REQUIREMENTS

The successful candidate must fulfil the following conditions:

Education

- University degree or an equivalent qualification awarded by a law enforcement academy or school and recognized at national level as an academic degree.

Professional experience and technical competencies

- At least five years of professional experience obtained after the award of the above degree;
- Experience as customs officer at national level in one of the EU Member States;
- Knowledge of customs legal instruments adopted at national, EU and international level;
- Knowledge of customs procedures related to intellectual property infringements and of tools used at national, EU and international level;
- Experience in drafting reports related to customs procedures and practices.

Other requirements

Necessary:

- Have knowledge of OHIM and an understanding of Industrial Property;
- Be able to handle issues with a high degree of confidentiality and discretion;
- Have very good communication skills in English, in particular be able to draft documents and reports in English;
- Knowledge at proficient level of Word, PowerPoint and Internet search engines.

Desirable:

- Working experience at EU and/or international level

Corporate competencies

- **Communication:** communicate clearly and precisely both orally and in writing;
- **Analysis and Problem Solving:** ability to identify the critical facts in complex issues and develop creative and practical solutions;
- **Working with Others:** work cooperatively with others in teams and across organisational boundaries and respect differences between people;
- **Learning and Development:** develop and improve personal skills and knowledge of the organisation and its environment;
- **Prioritisation and Organisation:** ability to prioritise the most important tasks, work flexibly and organise own workload efficiently;
- **Resilience:** remain effective under work pressure, be flexible and adapt to a changing work environment;
- **Quality and Results:** take personal responsibility and initiative for delivering work to a high standard quality within set procedures; show clear customer orientation (internal and external).

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

The place of employment for this position is Alicante, Spain.

The secondment would last for a minimum of 2 years, renewable with a maximum of 4 years on a full-time basis. Exceptionally, a further extension of the secondment for a maximum of one additional year is possible at the end of the four-year period.

For further general information on conditions of engagement for this position, please refer to the annex I of this call for interest.

5. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications should be submitted to OHIM through the Permanent Representation of the relevant Member State in Brussels before the 19th September 2014.