

**FAX****SWISS BUSINESS COUNCIL IN HONG KONG**

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To:	Clerk to Bills Committee	
Re:	Trade Marks Bill	

With reference to your fax of August 9, we are pleased to make our submission as follows:

1. We recommend that you do not introduce new bills or rules too hastily since the prevailing laws and rules worked satisfactorily, or is this not the case?
2. We highly recommend that the Government of HKSAR becomes a member of the "Convention of Madrid". Such membership would make the protection of Trade Marks in Hong Kong much easier and convenient for all applicants residing in the countries of the odd 40 member-states of the "Convention of Madrid".

China is a member already and we hear that other countries like the USA and Great Britain may join soon.

Best regards.

P.S. We are somehow surprised that you ask us to submit this in Chinese.