

Upcoming UKIPO Representation Changes – The Effects of Brexit Continue

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One of the effects of Brexit was that the UK introduced a requirement for a UK based representative for all UK national trade marks, patents and designs and international registrations designating the UK in January 2021. However, there was a grace period for comparable trade marks or re-registered designs deriving from an EU national trade mark or international registration designating the EU.

The UKIPO has issued guidance though confirming that the grace period will end on 1 January 2024 and from then:

- ~~Any UKIP rights holder who is not a UK resident or domiciled in the UK must appoint a UK based representative by 31 December 2023.~~

Any contentious proceedings or change of address records initiated or actioned before 31 December 2023 are not subject to the above obligations. **However right holders may still wish to record a UK legal representative for all UK IP rights due to the various benefits and potential pitfalls, such as the following:**

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