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AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)

NOTIFICATION ON THE DOMESTICATION OF THE BANJUL PROTOCOL ON MARKS IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND RESUMPTION OF THE PROCESSING OF MARK APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) hereby informs applicants, agents and other stakeholders that the United Republic of Tanzania has enacted the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2026, which provides for the domestication of the Banjul Protocol on Marks into Tanzania's national legal framework. The Act was assented to on 2 October 2026.

TAKE NOTICE that, following this legislative development and on the advice of the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA), ARIPO has resumed the processing of applications for the registration of marks designating the United Republic of Tanzania under the Banjul Protocol, with immediate effect.

Applicants and agents may accordingly file new applications designating the United Republic of Tanzania. Pending applications designating the United Republic of Tanzania may also proceed in accordance with the Banjul Protocol and its Implementing Regulations.

Signature: ..... **Date:** 10/11/2026

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