

### Filing trademark and service mark applications in Aruba

- **Registration of trademarks and service marks:** at Trademark Office in Aruba
- **Exclusive right to a mark:** based on first use. Registration provides a legal presumption of first use, rebuttable by contrary evidence.
- **Registration process:** file application form, TM Office investigates existence of objections, in the absence of objections mark is registered. If TM Office maintains objections applicant can appeal to Court of First Instance.
- **Conflicting registrations of third parties:** no objections procedure before TM Office; Cancellation procedure before Court of First Instance is available however.
- **Term of Validity:** registrations and renewal are valid for a term of ten (10) years.
- **Treaties:** Aruba is a member of the Paris Union Convention and Nice Agreement.

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