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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

SERIAL NO: 77/147075

MARK: NATIONAL CHAMBER



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WASHINGTON, DC 20005-1257

GENERAL TRADEMARK INFORMATION:  
<http://www.uspto.gov/main/trademarks.htm>

APPLICANT: The Chamber of Commerce  
of the United St ETC.

CORRESPONDENT'S REFERENCE/DOCKET  
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11904-185

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION DENIED**

ISSUE/MAILING DATE: 12/16/2009

Applicant is requesting reconsideration of a final refusal issued/mailed August 12, 2009. Applicant did not address the information requirement under 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b).

After careful consideration of the law and facts of the case, the examining attorney must deny the request for reconsideration and adhere to the final action as written since no new facts or reasons have been presented that are significant and compelling with regard to the point at issue. The amendment to the identification of services and disclaimer format is acceptable and has been entered into the record. However, although the disclaimer has been entered into the record, it is improper. Terms such as "Corporation," "Inc." and "Ltd." must be disclaimed because they merely specify applicant's entity type and do not function as a trademark or service mark to indicate source. TMEP §1213.03(d); *see, e.g., In re Patent & Trademark Servs., Inc.*, 49 USPQ2d 1537, 1539-40 (TTAB 1998); *In re The Paint Prods.*

*Co.*, 8 USPQ2d 1863, 1866 (TTAB 1988). Applicant is identified as The Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America. There is sufficient evidence in the record to demonstrate that the term CHAMBER is an entity type.

The examining attorney has considered applicant's arguments. However, applicant has failed to show why its mark would be perceived as a source indicator and not simply as descriptive terms as applied to the services. Therefore, the refusal under Section 2(e)(1) is continued.

### Information Requirement

Applicant failed to answer the inquiry raised in the previous office action. Because applicant did not comply with a requirement for information, registration is refused. See 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b). Applicant should answer the inquiry with a "yes" or "no" answer.

Will applicant use the proposed mark in connection with a national directory of chambers of commerce?

Failure to respond to a request for information can be grounds for refusing registration. TMEP §814; *see In re Cheezwhse.com, Inc.*, 85 USPQ2d 1917, 1919 (TTAB 2008); *In re DTI P'ship LLP*, 67 USPQ2d 1699, 1701-02 (TTAB 2003). Merely stating that information about the goods or services is available on applicant's website is an inappropriate response to a request for additional information, and is insufficient to make the relevant information of record. *See In re Planalytics, Inc.*, 70 USPQ2d 1453, 1457-58 (TTAB 2004).

The validity of a trademark registration is based upon applicant's material representations of fact in connection with their application. *See Torres v. Cantine Torresella S. r. 1.*, 808 F.2d 46, 1 USPQ2d 1483, 1484 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

### Section 2(e)(1) Refusal

Applicant has not rebutted the evidence of record which illustrates the descriptiveness of the proposed mark. Specifically, the term NATIONAL has been held to describe the geographical scope of services. *See In re Nat'l Rent A Fence, Inc.*, 220 USPQ 479 (TTAB 1983) (holding NATIONAL RENT A FENCE merely descriptive of nationwide fence rental services); and *Nat'l Fid. Life Ins. v. Nat'l Ins. Trust*, 199 USPQ 691 (TTAB 1978) (holding NATIONAL INSURANCE TRUST merely descriptive of services of handling administrative matters in locating suitable insurance coverage for attorneys). Applicant has not shown why these cases do not apply to applicant's mark or services.

In determining the descriptiveness of a term or mark comprising more than one element, it is permissible to consider the significance of each element separately in the course of evaluating the term or mark as a whole. *See In re Hotels.com, L.P.*, 573 F.3d 1300, 1301, 1304, 1306, 91 USPQ2d 1532, 1533, 1535, 1537 (Fed. Cir. 2009) (holding HOTELS.COM generic for information and reservation services featuring temporary lodging when noting that the Board did not commit error in considering "the word 'hotels' for genericness separate from the '.com' suffix"); *In re Oppedahl & Larson LLP*, 373 F.3d 1171, 1174-75, 71 USPQ2d 1370, 1372 (Fed. Cir. 2004) (holding PATENTS.COM merely descriptive of computer software for managing and tracking the status of database records when noting that "the PTO may [separately] consider the meaning of 'patents' and the meaning of '.com' with respect to the goods identified in the application."); *In re Save Venice N.Y., Inc.*, 259 F.3d 1346, 1352, 59 USPQ2d 1778, 1782 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (holding a mark primarily geographically deceptively misdescriptive for a variety of goods when noting that "[i]t is not erroneous, however, for the examiner to consider the

significance of each element within the composite mark in the course of evaluating the mark as a whole.”).

The term CHAMBER is descriptive of the type of services as identified in the amended identification of services in addition to identifying applicant’s entity type. The examining attorney has provided a competent evidentiary record showing the use of the term CHAMBER as a term used in connection with services that are similar to those identified in the applicaiton. Attached to this denial of the request for reconsideration is additional evidence showing wide use of the terms CHAMBER and NATIONAL for

[1]

similar services. Applicant is identified in the application as the following: The Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America. When you are identified as the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America it is reasonable to conclude that the services you provide are national in scope. Accordingly, applicant’s request for reconsideration is denied. The application will be forwarded to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB).

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[1]

See attached copies of registrations retrieved from a search on the Office’s X-search database performed on December 15, 2009. See also attachments retrieved from a search on [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) performed on December 16, 2009, demonstrating the use of the term CHAMBER to identify chambers of commerce.

Print: Dec 15, 2009

77240680

**DESIGN MARK**

**Serial Number**

77240680

**Status**

REGISTERED

**Word Mark**

NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Standard Character Mark**

Yes

**Registration Number**

3470754

**Date Registered**

2008/07/22

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

PRINCIPAL

**Mark Drawing Code**

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

**Owner**

National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce CORPORATION DELAWARE 2000 P Street, NW, Suite 300 Washington D.C. 20036

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Chamber of commerce services, namely, promoting business for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender business community in the United States. First Use: 2002/05/31. First Use In Commerce: 2002/11/11.

**Disclaimer Statement**

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

**Section 2f Statement**

2(F) ENTIRE MARK

**Filing Date**

2007/07/27

**Examining Attorney**

IZZU, MARILYN

**Print: Dec 15, 2009**

**77240680**

**Attorney of Record**  
Damon J. Whitaker

**NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Print: Dec 15, 2009

77433060

**DESIGN MARK**

**Serial Number**

77433060

**Status**

ABANDONED - AFTER PUBLICATION

**Word Mark**

NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Standard Character Mark**

Yes

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

PRINCIPAL

**Mark Drawing Code**

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

**Owner**

National Chamber Of Commerce, LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NEVADA  
3395 S. Jones Blvd. #313 Las Vegas NEVADA 89146

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ABANDONED. IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S:  
Administration of an exchange program for small business owners to  
barter for the goods and services of others to create cross-marketing  
opportunities. First Use: 2001/03/06. First Use In Commerce:  
2001/03/06.

**Disclaimer Statement**

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**Section 2f Statement**

2(F) ENTIRE MARK

**Filing Date**

2008/03/27

**Examining Attorney**

FARRELL, ANNE

**Attorney of Record**

Thomas D. Foster

**NATIONAL CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

Print: Dec 15, 2009

77509562

**DESIGN MARK**

**Serial Number**

77509562

**Status**

REGISTERED

**Word Mark**

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF ANIMALS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Standard Character Mark**

Yes

**Registration Number**

3600592

**Date Registered**

2009/03/31

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

SUPPLEMENTAL

**Mark Drawing Code**

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

**Owner**

The Indiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
CORPORATION INDIANA 333 N. Highland Avenue Indianapolis INDIANA 46202

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Chamber of  
Commerce services, namely, promoting business for the animal rights  
business community in the United States. First Use: 2008/06/02.  
First Use In Commerce: 2008/06/02.

**Disclaimer Statement**

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "CHAMBER OF COMMERCE"  
APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

**Filing Date**

2008/06/27

**Amended Register Date**

2009/02/18

**Examining Attorney**

MONINGHOFF, KIM

**NATIONAL FRIENDS OF ANIMALS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Print: Dec 15, 2009

77601916

**DESIGN MARK**

**Serial Number**

77601916

**Status**

REGISTERED

**Word Mark**

NATIONAL BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Standard Character Mark**

Yes

**Registration Number**

3666086

**Date Registered**

2009/08/11

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

PRINCIPAL

**Mark Drawing Code**

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

**Owner**

National Black Chamber of Commerce CORPORATION D.C. #405 1350  
Connecticut Avenue Washington D.C. 20036

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Association  
services, namely, promoting the interests of black owned business.  
First Use: 1991/02/02. First Use In Commerce: 1991/02/02.

**Disclaimer Statement**

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APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

**Section 2f Statement**

2(F) ENTIRE MARK

**Filing Date**

2008/10/28

**Examining Attorney**

FLETCHER, TRACY

**Print: Dec 15, 2009**

**77601916**

**Attorney of Record**  
Janet Peyton

# National Black Chamber of Commerce

Print: Dec 15, 2009

78752028

**DESIGN MARK**

**Serial Number**

78752028

**Status**

REGISTERED

**Word Mark**

NATIONAL US-ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Standard Character Mark**

Yes

**Registration Number**

3249060

**Date Registered**

2007/06/05

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

PRINCIPAL

**Mark Drawing Code**

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

**Owner**

National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce CORPORATION D.C. Suite 400 1023  
15th Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20006

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Association services, namely promoting the interests of business persons by supporting and strengthening US-Arab business and economic cooperation; organizing and conducting business conferences in the field of economic and business strategies for investment and trade between the US and the Arab world. First Use: 1995/05/01. First Use In Commerce: 1995/05/01.

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 041. US 100 101 107. G & S: Educational services, namely organizing and conducting educational classes, conferences, seminars and symposia in the field of economic and business strategies for investment and trade between the U;S; and the Arab world. First Use: 1995/05/01. First Use In Commerce: 1995/05/01.

**Goods/Services**

**Print: Dec 15, 2009**

**78752028**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: Authentication of commercial documents used in international transactions. First Use: 1995/05/01. First Use In Commerce: 1995/05/01.

**Disclaimer Statement**

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**Section 2f Statement**

2(F) ENTIRE MARK

**Filing Date**

2005/11/11

**Examining Attorney**

ALFIERI, AMY

**NATIONAL US-ARAB CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

Print: Dec 15, 2009

78954270

**DESIGN MARK**

**Serial Number**

78954270

**Status**

REGISTERED

**Word Mark**

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF E-COMMERCE

**Standard Character Mark**

No

**Registration Number**

3424735

**Date Registered**

2008/05/06

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

PRINCIPAL

**Mark Drawing Code**

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS AND/OR NUMBERS

**Owner**

International Chamber of E-Commerce, Inc. CORPORATION FLORIDA Suite  
600 100 W. Lucerne Circle Orlando FLORIDA 32801

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: Providing temporary use of on-line nondownloadable software for use by online retail merchants to facilitate online ordering of such merchants' goods by their customers and electronic transaction processing via an integrated online shopping cart; computer services, namely, designing and creating websites for others; hosting the websites of others on a computer server for a global computer network; computer services, namely, remote and on-site management of website content, electronic messaging systems and applications for others; Providing customized online web pages featuring user-defined information, which includes search engines and online web links to other web sites; computer services, namely, providing search engine for obtaining data on the internet for others; providing information at the specific request of end-users by searching and retrieving information via the internet, computer services, namely, creating indexes of information, sites and other resources available on the internet. First Use: 2007/11/01. First Use In Commerce: 2007/11/01.

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 036. US 100 101 102. G & S: Payment services and financial services for others, namely, providing electronic processing of credit card transactions and electronic payments via the internet. First Use: 2007/11/01. First Use In Commerce: 2007/11/01.

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: Business consultation; Advertising and marketing for others, namely, dissemination of advertising for others via the internet and providing advertising space on the internet; e-commerce services, namely, promoting the goods and services of others by means of operating an online shopping mall with links to the retail websites of others; providing on-line directory information services also featuring hyperlinks to other web sites; on-line trading services in which seller posts products to be auctioned and bidding is done via the internet; and on-line auction services. First Use: 2007/11/01. First Use In Commerce: 2007/11/01.

**Disclaimer Statement**

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF E-COMMERCE" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

**Colors Claimed**

The color(s) gold, blue, white, black and yellow is/are claimed as a feature of the mark.

**Part of Mark in Color**

The color gold appears in the outer and inner circles and in the design of the continents; the color blue appears in the middle circle between the inner and outer circle design; the color white appears in all of the wording and in the middle of the continent design within the circle; the color black appears in the water surrounding the continents; the color yellow appears over parts of the continent of Asia.

**Filing Date**

2006/08/17

**Examining Attorney**

DAWE, BILL

**Attorney of Record**

Nancy S. Freeman



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73461692

**TYPED DRAWING**

**Serial Number**

73461692

**Status**

CANCELLED - SECTION 8

**Word Mark**

NATIONAL CHAMBER

**Standard Character Mark**

No

**Registration Number**

1436813

**Date Registered**

1987/04/14

**Type of Mark**

SERVICE MARK

**Register**

PRINCIPAL

**Mark Drawing Code**

(1) TYPED DRAWING

**Owner**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CORPORATION D.C. 1615 H STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON D.C. 20062

**Goods/Services**

Class Status -- SECTION 8 - CANCELLED. IC 042. US 100. G & S: ASSOCIATION SERVICES, NAMELY PROMOTING THE INTEREST OF BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN. First Use: 1915/12/04. First Use In Commerce: 1915/12/04.

**Filing Date**

1984/01/20

**Examining Attorney**

SALEMI, DOMINICK

**Attorney of Record**

Edward T. Colbert



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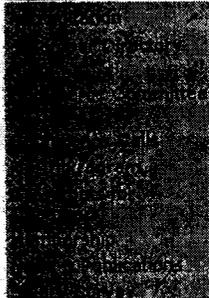
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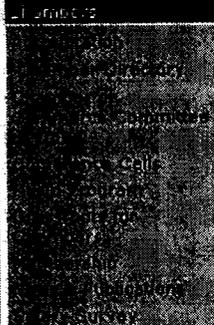
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**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 22102  
**Phone Number:** (703) 442-5005  
**Fax Number:** (703) 442-5008

**Chamber Name:** Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

**Address:** 801 N Fairfax St Ste 420  
**City:** Alexandria  
**State:** VA



**Zip Code:** 22314  
**Phone Number:** (703) 549-1000  
**Fax Number:** (703) 739-3805  
**Website:** [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com)

**Chamber Name:** Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Inc.  
**Address:** 2009 14th Street North Suite 111  
**City:** Arlington  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 22201  
**Phone Number:** (703) 525-2400  
**Fax Number:** (703) 522-5273  
**Website:** [www.arlingtonchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org)

**Chamber Name:** Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce   
**Address:** 305 E Main St  
**City:** Bedford  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 24523  
**Phone Number:** (540) 586-9401  
**Fax Number:** (540) 587-6650  
**Website:** [www.bedfordareachamber.com](http://www.bedfordareachamber.com)

**Chamber Name:** Chamber of Commerce of Smyth County, Inc.  
**Address:** PO Box 924  
**City:** Marion  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 24354  
**Phone Number:** (276) 703-3161  
**Fax Number:** (276) 783-8003  
**Website:** <http://www.smythchamber.org>

**Chamber Name:** Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce  
**Address:** PO Box 1564  
**City:** Charlottesville  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 22902  
**Phone Number:** (434) 295-3141  
**Fax Number:** (434) 295-3144  
**Website:** [www.cvillechamber.com](http://www.cvillechamber.com)

**Chamber Name:** Chesterfield County Chamber of Commerce  
**Address:** 8220 Lee Bridge Rd, Suite B

**Address:** 9330 Iron Bridge Rd Suite B  
**City:** Chesterfield  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 23832  
**Phone Number:** (804) 748-6364  
**Fax Number:** (804) 796-6931  
**Website:** [www.chesterfieldchamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldchamber.com)

**Chamber Name:** Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce   
**Address:** PO Box 99  
**City:** Blairs  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 24527  
**Phone Number:** (434) 836-6990  
**Fax Number:** (804) 432-1344  
**Website:** [www.dpchamber.org](http://www.dpchamber.org)

**Chamber Name:** Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce   
**Address:** PO Box 327  
**City:** Herndon  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 20172  
**Phone Number:** (703) 437-5556  
**Fax Number:** (703) 787-8859  
**Website:** <http://www.dullesregionalchamber.org/>

**Chamber Name:** Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce   
**Address:** 8230 Old Courthouse Rd Suite 350  
**City:** Vienna  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 22182  
**Phone Number:** (703) 749-0400  
**Fax Number:** (703) 749-9075  
**Website:** [www.fccc.org](http://www.fccc.org)

**Chamber Name:** Franklin County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism  
**Address:** PO Box 158  
**City:** Rocky Mount  
**State:** VA  
**Zip Code:** 24151  
**Phone Number:** (540) 483-9542  
**Fax Number:** (540) 483-0653  
**Website:** [www.franklincounty.org](http://www.franklincounty.org)

**Chamber Name:** Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce 

**Address:** PO Box 7476

**City:** Fredericksburg

**State:** VA

**Zip Code:** 22404

**Phone Number:** (540) 373-9400

**Fax Number:** (540) 373-9570

**Website:** [www.fredericksburgchamber.org](http://www.fredericksburgchamber.org)

**Chamber Name:** Front Royal-Warren County Chamber of Commerce 

**Address:** 104 E Main St

**City:** Front Royal

**State:** VA

**Zip Code:** 22630

**Phone Number:** (540) 635-3185

**Fax Number:** (540) 635-9758

**Website:** [www.frontroyalchamber.com](http://www.frontroyalchamber.com)

**Chamber Name:** Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Address:** PO Box 1107

**City:** Fishersville

**State:** VA

**Zip Code:** 22939

**Phone Number:** (540) 949-8203

**Fax Number:** (540) 949-7240

**Website:** [www.augustachamber.org](http://www.augustachamber.org)

**Chamber Name:** Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce

**Address:** 1437 Balls Hill Rd

**City:** McLean

**State:** VA

**Zip Code:** 22101

**Phone Number:** (703) 356-5424

**Fax Number:** (703) 356-9244

**Website:** [www.mcleanchamber.org](http://www.mcleanchamber.org)

**Chamber Name:** Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce

**Address:** PO Box 1598

**City:** Richmond

**State:** VA

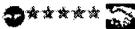
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**Phone Number:** (804) 648-1234  
**Fax Number:** (804) 780-0344  
**Website:** [www.grcc.com](http://www.grcc.com)

**Chamber Name:** Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce   
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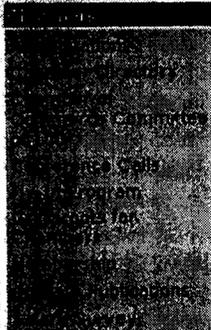
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A **chamber of commerce** (also referred to in some circles as a **board of trade**) is a form of business network, e.g., a local organization of businesses whose goal is to further the interests of businesses. Business owners in towns and cities form these local societies to advocate on behalf of the business community. Local businesses are members, and they elect a board of directors or executive council to set policy for the chamber. The board or council then hires a President, CEO or Executive Director, plus staffing appropriate to size, to run the organization.

The first chambers of commerce were founded in 1599 in continental Europe (Marseille, France and Brugge, Belgium).<sup>[*citation needed*]</sup> The world's oldest English-speaking chamber of commerce is that of New York City, which was established in 1768.<sup>[1][*dubious - discuss*]</sup> The largest chamber of commerce in the UK is the North East Chamber of Commerce with over 4,000 members.<sup>[*citation needed*]</sup> The oldest Chamber in the English speaking world with continuous records is the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce founded in 1783.<sup>[2][*dubious - discuss*]</sup>

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## Characteristics

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Membership in an individual chamber in an area can range from a few dozen to well over 300,000 (as is the case with the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry). Some chamber organizations in China report even larger membership numbers. Chambers of commerce can range in scope from individual neighborhoods within a city or town up to an international chamber of commerce.

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Chambers do not operate in the same manner as the Better Business Bureau in that, while the BBB has the authority to bind its members under a formal operations doctrine (and, thus, can remove them if complaints arise regarding their services), the local chamber membership is strictly voluntary. In addition, Chambers represent the interests of all businesses, while the BBB represents the interests of the general public.

Chambers of commerce also can include economic development corporations or groups (though the latter can sometimes be a formal branch of a local government, the groups work together and may in some cases share office facilities) as well as tourism and visitors bureaus.

Some chambers have joined state, national, and even international bodies (such as Eurochambres, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Worldchambers or the American Chamber of Commerce Executives). Currently, there are about 13,000 chambers registered in the official Worldchambers Network registry, and the chamber of commerce network is the largest business network globally. This network is informal, with each local chamber incorporated and operating separately, rather than as a chapter of a national or state chamber.

## Chamber models

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There are basically three chamber business membership models worldwide, 'compulsory / public law', 'continental / private law' or 'bilateral'.

### Compulsory/Public law chambers

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Under the compulsory or public law model, companies of a certain areas are obliged to become members of the chamber. This model is common in European Union countries (France, Germany, Italy, Spain). The main tasks of the chamber are foreign trade promotion, training, and general services to companies. The chambers were given responsibilities of public administration in various fields by the state which they exercise in order management. The chambers also have a consultive function; this means the chambers must be consulted whenever a new law related to industry or commerce is proposed. In Germany the chambers of commerce and industry (*IHK - Industrie- und Handelskammer*) and the chambers of the skilled crafts and small businesses are a public statutory body with self-administration under the inspectorate of the state ministry of economy. The members of a German chamber are members by law according to the chamber act (*IHK-Gesetz*) of 1956.

Because of this, such chambers are much bigger than chambers under private law. The IHK Munich for example as the biggest German chamber of commerce has 310.000 member companies. In the German system there are also chambers for the so called "free occupations": architects, dentists, engineers, lawyers, notaries, physicians and pharmacists.

### Continental/Private law chambers

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Under the private model, which exists in English-speaking countries like USA, Canada or the UK, but as well in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark, companies are not obligated to become chamber members. However, companies often become members to develop their business contacts and, regarding the local chambers (the most common level of organization), to demonstrate a commitment to the local economy. Though governments are not required to consult chambers on proposed laws, the chambers are often contacted given their local influence and membership numbers.

### Bilateral Chambers

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A bilateral chamber of commerce is an organisation formed of individuals and companies who share a common interest in trade and commerce between two countries. The role of the chamber is to represent and further the interests of each of its member countries. This is achieved through the promotion and encouragement of bilateral trade and investment.

Bilateral chambers of commerce exist as independent entities yet maintain a close relationship with their embassy and/or consulate - playing an integral role in strengthening bilateral relations and economic interactions. Members of a bilateral chamber benefit from a useful range of business services, support and advice aiming to help fulfil each member's professional goals.

Bilateral chambers form a key component in the creation, growth and development process of a company or individual seeking to operate in a foreign business environment. The opportunities and advantages which membership confers should be considered essential in light of the chamber's culturally sensitive insight and in depth knowledge of the respective countries political and economic structure.

The core activities of a bilateral chamber of commerce include:

- Provision of useful business contacts
- Business services, including translation, interpreting and market research
- Events and Networking opportunities
- Business courses and seminars
- Monitoring of new legislation proposals which might affect member's interests

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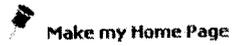
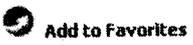
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