

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Cancellation No. 92049242

El-Kharif Limited

v.

Lebanese Arak Corporation

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The Board notes petitioner's "Notice of Waiver of Initial Disclosures" filed August 4, 2008 under Trademark Rule 2.120(a)(2) by which the parties notified the Board that they had agreed to waive the requirement for initial disclosures and to instead pursue traditional discovery methods. The notice is approved. See Trademark Rules 2.120(a)(2) and 2.120(a)(3); and *Boston Red Sox Baseball Club Limited Partnership v. Harry F. Chaveriat III*, 2008 WL 2421674 (TTAB).

Dates remain as set in the Board's institution order mailed April 24, 2008.

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**NEWS FROM THE TTAB:**

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By

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this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:  
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>  
[http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242\\_FinalRuleChart.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf)

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:  
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>