

Petition To Revive Abandoned Application - Failure To Respond Timely To Office Action

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PETITION STATEMENT	Applicant has firsthand knowledge that the failure to respond to the Office Action by the specified deadline was unintentional, and requests the USPTO to revive the abandoned application.
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION	
MARK SECTION	
MARK	https://tmng-al.uspto.gov/resting2/api/img/87428358/large
LITERAL ELEMENT	SUPER NUTRIENT SOFT GELS
STANDARD CHARACTERS	YES
USPTO-GENERATED IMAGE	YES
MARK STATEMENT	The mark consists of standard characters, without claim to any particular font style, size or color.
ARGUMENT(S)	
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A. APPLICANT'S CUSTOMERS DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE MARK AS BEING DESCRIPTIVE OF APPLICANT'S GOODS.

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It is accepted law that the combination of two terms which are descriptive "may result in a composite which is non-descriptive." See *In re Bright Crest, Ltd.* 204 U.S.P.Q. 591, 593 (T.T.A.B. 1979); *McCarthy* at 11.26 and cases cited therein. For example, the composite mark BIASTEEL for steel belted bias tires was held to be suggestive, not descriptive, by the Board. *Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 186 U.S.P.Q. 557 (T.T.A.B. 1975). In an additional example, the composite mark MOUSE SEED for rodent exterminators was held to result in non-descriptive, merely suggestive, mark. *W.G. Reardon Laboratories, Inc. v. B & B Exterminators, Inc.*, 71 F.2d 515 (4th Cir. 1934). In the present application, the terms “e” and “bowl” are combined into a composite mark. Thus, even if, *arguendo*, a term of the present mark, may be considered descriptive, Applicant's entire mark is suggestive and not merely descriptive of the pertinent goods. For example, even if the present mark creates a commercial impression of “super nutrient “soft gels” this impression does not describe or relate to applicant’s goods, namely:

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Thus, a degree of "imagination, thought, or perception is required to reach a conclusion on the nature of the goods," and the mark is, at worst, suggestive of the relevant goods. *In re Gyulay*, 3 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1009 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

C. OTHERS DO NOT NEED TO USE THE TERMS OF THE MARK FOR DESCRIBING THEIR GOODS AND SERVICES.

Further evidence in support of the idea that the mark is not descriptive of the goods and services is that the term “SUPER NUTRIENT” is not used by any application to identify goods and services, as found on TESS on October 29, 2018, search query “SUPER NUTRIENT” in Goods & Services field, no results found. If no one has needed or currently applied for an application with the usage of the term, “SUPER NUTRIENT,” it adds to the argument that the term, when taken as a whole, is not merely descriptive of the goods recited.

D. APPLICANT’S GOODS ARE SOUGHT AFTER BY SOPHISTICATED, CAREFUL PURCHASERS WHO RECOGNIZE THE MARK AS A DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN.

When referring to the pertinent goods, Applicant’s target market would consider the present mark to be a designation of origin, not merely a description of the goods. The relevant class of customers of the present goods are sophisticated and careful purchasers. Such class of customers of the pertinent goods, e.g. consumers of pharmaceuticals, therapeutics, and nutritional supplements, are well educated with relation to the relevant goods and make careful decisions about the products they purchase, use, and consume. Thus, the Applicant’s primary customers are sophisticated, careful consumers who perceive the present mark as being fanciful or suggestive, but not descriptive.

The sophisticated and careful prospective customers of Applicant's goods perceive the present mark as an indication of the source or origin and not just as a description of an "ingredient, quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose or use of the relevant goods. *In re MetPath, Inc.*, 223 U.S.P.Q. 88 (T.T.A.B. 1984). The present mark is not "merely descriptive" under the Trademark Act since the mark "does not [clearly] tell the potential customer only what the goods are, their function, characteristics, use or ingredients" *McCarthy* § 11.51 and note 5. Rather, at least some "imagination, thought, or perception is required [by the purchaser] to reach a conclusion on the nature of the goods [and services]." *In re Gyulay*, 3 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1009 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Thus, the present mark is at least suggestive and is registrable on the Principal Register.

E. IN SUMMARY, APPLICANT'S MARK IS NOT MERELY DESCRIPTIVE OF THE GOODS.

In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present mark is not merely descriptive of the pertinent goods and registration on the Principal Register is appropriate and the same is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, Applicant expresses thanks for the help provided in the present application. Applicant requests that reconsideration be granted in view of these changes to the application. The undersigned and the Applicant believe that, in light of the foregoing, registration on the Principal Register is appropriate, and the same is respectfully requested.

GOODS AND/OR SERVICES SECTION (current)

INTERNATIONAL CLASS	005
DESCRIPTION	Pharmaceuticals and therapeutics; nutritional supplements
FILING BASIS	Section 1(b)

GOODS AND/OR SERVICES SECTION (proposed)

INTERNATIONAL CLASS	005
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TRACKED TEXT DESCRIPTION

~~Pharmaceuticals and therapeutics~~; [Pharmaceutical preparations, namely, pharmaceuticals for the treatment of diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, atherosclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, cardiac disorders, neuropathic pain, anxiety, mood disorders, epilepsy, sleep disorders, muscular diseases including muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease, and neurological disorders](#); ~~nutritional supplements~~; [therapeutics, namely, weight control, appetite suppression, muscle relaxation, and sleep disorders](#); [nutritional supplements](#).

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PAYMENT SECTION

TOTAL AMOUNT	100
TOTAL FEES DUE	100

SIGNATURE SECTION

PETITION SIGNATURE	/Grant R. Clayton/
SIGNATORY'S NAME	Grant R. Clayton
SIGNATORY'S POSITION	Attorney of record, Utah bar member
SIGNATORY'S PHONE NUMBER	801-255-5335
DATE SIGNED	10/29/2018
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FILING INFORMATION SECTION

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When referring to the pertinent goods, Applicant’s target market would consider the present mark to be a designation of origin, not merely a description of the goods. The relevant class of customers of the present goods are sophisticated and careful purchasers. Such class of customers of the pertinent goods, e.g. consumers of pharmaceuticals, therapeutics, and nutritional supplements, are well educated with relation to the relevant goods and make careful decisions about the products they purchase, use, and consume. Thus, the Applicant’s primary customers are sophisticated, careful consumers who perceive the present mark as being fanciful or suggestive, but not descriptive.

The sophisticated and careful prospective customers of Applicant's goods perceive the present mark as an indication of the source or origin and not just as a description of an "ingredient, quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose or use of the relevant goods. *In re MetPath, Inc.*, 223 U.S.P.Q. 88 (T.T.A.B. 1984). The present mark is not "merely descriptive" under the Trademark Act since the mark "does not [clearly] tell the potential customer only what the goods are, their function, characteristics, use or ingredients" *McCarthy* § 11.51 and note 5. Rather, at least some "imagination, thought, or perception is required [by the purchaser] to reach a conclusion on the nature of the goods [and services]." *In re Gyulay*, 3 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1009 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Thus, the present mark is at least suggestive and is registrable on the Principal Register.

E. IN SUMMARY, APPLICANT’S MARK IS NOT MERELY DESCRIPTIVE OF THE GOODS.

In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present mark is not merely descriptive of the pertinent goods and registration on the Principal Register is appropriate and the same is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, Applicant expresses thanks for the help provided in the present application. Applicant requests that reconsideration be granted in view of these changes to the application. The undersigned and the Applicant believe that, in light of the foregoing, registration on the Principal Register is appropriate, and the same is respectfully requested.

CLASSIFICATION AND LISTING OF GOODS/SERVICES

Applicant proposes to amend the following class of goods/services in the application:

Current: Class 005 for Pharmaceuticals and therapeutics; nutritional supplements

Original Filing Basis:

Filing Basis: Section 1(b), Intent to Use: For a trademark or service mark application: As of the application filing date, the applicant had a bona fide intention, and was entitled, to use the mark in commerce on or in connection with the identified goods/services in the application. **For a collective trademark, collective service mark, or collective membership mark application:** As of the application filing date, the applicant had a bona fide intention, and was entitled, to exercise legitimate control over the use of the mark in commerce by members on or in connection with the identified goods/services/collective membership organization. **For a certification mark application:** As of the application filing date, the applicant had a bona fide intention, and was entitled, to exercise legitimate control over the use of the mark in commerce by authorized users in connection with the identified goods/services, and the applicant will not engage in the production or marketing of the goods/services to which the mark is applied, except to advertise or promote recognition of the certification program or of the goods/services that meet the certification standards of the applicant.

Proposed:

Tracked Text Description: ~~Pharmaceuticals and therapeutics;~~ [Pharmaceutical preparations, namely, pharmaceuticals for the treatment of diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, atherosclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, cardiac disorders, neuropathic pain, anxiety, mood disorders, epilepsy, sleep disorders, muscular diseases including muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease, and neurological disorders;](#) ~~nutritional supplements;~~ [therapeutics, namely, weight control, appetite suppression, muscle relaxation, and sleep disorders;](#) [nutritional supplements.](#)

Class 005 for Pharmaceutical preparations, namely, pharmaceuticals for the treatment of diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, atherosclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, cardiac disorders, neuropathic pain, anxiety, mood disorders, epilepsy, sleep disorders, muscular diseases including muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease, and neurological disorders; therapeutics, namely, weight control, appetite suppression, muscle relaxation, and sleep disorders; nutritional supplements.

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