

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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**Mailed: December 18, 2007**

**Opposition No. 91179400**

**Werner Christ GmbH**

**v.**

**Roy Haskin**

**Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:**

On October 26, 2007, applicant filed a proposed amendment to its application Serial No. 77110718, with opposer's consent.<sup>1</sup>

By the proposed amendment applicant seeks to change the identification of goods **from:**

International Class 25: Clothing, namely, t-shirts, shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, hats, caps, socks, dresses, visors, and shoes

**to:**

International Class 25: Clothing, namely, t-shirts, shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, hats, caps, socks,

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant's request to amend does not indicate proof of service upon opposer as required by Trademark Rule 2.119. Ordinarily, the Board would not consider the filing until a copy thereof has been served on counsel for opposer. However, the Board recognizes that the filing is a stipulation and, accordingly, will consider the motion. A copy of the requested amendment may be obtained via TTABvue at [www. USPTO.gov](http://www.USPTO.gov).

dresses, visors, and shoes, ***all of the aforesaid goods having a religious purpose, theme, or connotation.***<sup>2</sup>

Inasmuch as the amendment is clearly limiting in nature as required by Trademark Rule 2.71(b), and because opposer consents thereto, it is approved and entered. See Trademark Rule 2.133(a).

If this resolves the dispute herein, opposer is allowed until **thirty days** from the mailing date of this order to file a withdrawal of the opposition, failing which the opposition will go forward on the application as amended. See Trademark Rule 2.106(c).



**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 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

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<sup>2</sup>The wording in bold-italics is added.

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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>