

Accelerated trademark examination – Canada

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Good News from the Canadian Intellectual Property Office! CIPO is taking measures to allow expedited examination of trademark applications in the following cases:

- Upcoming or current court action in Canada;
- Combating counterfeit products at the Canadian border;
- Protecting intellectual property rights from being severely disadvantaged on online marketplaces;
- Preserving a claim to priority within a set deadline and in response to a foreign Trademarks Office request.

All requests must be made by way of an affidavit or statutory declaration. There are no fees involved. If the request is accepted, the application will be examined as soon as possible. If not, an explanation for the refusal will be provided. Important to note that if the examination is expedited, this advantage could be lost if the applicant requests an extension of time or misses a deadline.