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CHAPTER 2

**SUBSTANTIVE LAW ON TRADE MARKS**

*SECTION 1*

***Signs of which a trade mark may consist***

*Article 3*

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A trade mark may consist of any signs, in particular words, including personal names, or designs, letters, numerals, colours, the shape of goods or of the packaging of goods, or sounds, provided that such signs are capable of:

- (a) distinguishing the goods or services of one undertaking from those of other undertakings; and
- (b) being represented on the register in a manner which enables the competent authorities and the public to determine the clear and precise subject matter of the protection afforded to its proprietor.