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## THE BREXIT – CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUR PROPERTY RIGHTS?

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It's now certain – the majority of the British have decided to leave the European Union. This will mean in the long term that European Union trade marks and Community designs will lose their effect in the United Kingdom. However, patent applications filed or patents validated with a protective effect for the United Kingdom are not affected by the Brexit.

It will probably be quite some time until the United Kingdom formally exits the European Union. Your EU intellectual property rights continue to be in effect in the United Kingdom during this time. There is therefore no need for immediate action.

In the course of the exit negotiations, the EU and the United Kingdom will develop measures to ensure that there will be a continuity of trade mark and design protection also after the United Kingdom has left. As soon as such measures are at hand, we will contact you with specific proposals on how you can continue to protect your intellectual property in the United Kingdom in an optimum way.

If you have any specific questions regarding this topic, please feel free to contact us at any time ([a.gonzalez@prinz.eu](mailto:a.gonzalez@prinz.eu)).

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