

**PART 5**  
**The Filing Date**

**RULE 500. *Filing Date.*** — Subject to the provisions on priority right, the filing date of an application shall be the date on which the Office received the payment for the required fee and the following indications and elements in English or Filipino:

- (a) An express or implicit indication that the registration of a mark is sought;
- (b) The identity of the applicant;
- (c) Indications sufficient to contact the applicant or his representative, if any;
- (d) A reproduction of the mark whose registration is sought; and
- (e) The list of the goods or services for which the registration is sought.

**RULE 501. *Application Number and Filing Date.*** — (a) Before starting to examine the registrability of a mark, the Examiner or such other personnel as the Director may authorize, shall examine whether the application satisfies the requirements for the grant of a filing date as provided in these Regulations. If the application does not satisfy the filing date requirements, the Bureau shall notify the applicant who shall, within a period of one (1) month from mailing date of the notice, complete or correct the application as required; otherwise, the application shall be considered withdrawn.

- (b) If the application did not satisfy the requirements for grant of a filing date at the time that the filing fee and other indications were received by the Office, the filing date that was given shall be cancelled and a new filing date shall be entered in the records of the Office. The new filing date shall be the date on which the Office received the completed or corrected application as specified in the notice to the applicant.