

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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The FSC announced today that The UK Intellectual Property Office (IPO) has invited Ms Symadia Ingham, Senior Trademarks & Patents Administrator at the Commission to participate in a three week trade mark and designs examiner training programme in Cardiff, UK.

The three-week programme, scheduled for 25 January to 12 February 2016, was initially developed to address training needs and will include participation of thirteen offices in the region.

While the Commission recognises that the lack of patent examiners and of regional patent offices together with the need for modern local legislation continue to hinder development of this revenue stream for small jurisdictions it sees the TCI first participation as an essential step towards addressing the challenges the region faces with patent and trademarks registration.

The Trademark Ordinance 1981 regulates the Registration of Trademark services in the Turks and Caicos Islands. The Registrar of Trademarks is responsible for all Registrations of marks and services in the Financial Services Commission. Over the recent years, there has been an increasing overseas interest in bringing this industry to the Islands.

Trade Marks Ordinance and Patent Ordinance revised edition can be found on <http://www.tcifsc.tc>

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