

## Leaflet Trademarks in Switzerland

### Duration

The duration of the trademark is 10 years from the date of filing. The trademark is indefinitely renewable for further periods of 10 years each.

### Compulsory use

If a registered mark is not used in connection with the goods and services for which it is registered without important reasons for a period of 5 consecutive years after expiration of the term for filing opposition or after termination of the opposition proceedings, the owner of the registration may no longer assert his rights in the mark, and nullification of the registration may be applied for by third parties having an interest.

Use of a mark with the consent of the owner – e.g., use by a licensee – is deemed use by the owner.

Germany and Switzerland signed an agreement reciprocally recognizing the use of a trademark in the territory of the other state. Accordingly, trademarks of German or Swiss owners used only in one of these countries are considered as used also in the other country.

### Marking

Marking is not required. The following indication is advisable: '®' or 'eingetragene Marke', 'marque déposée', 'marchio registrato'.