

Practice Fiche **GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF DESIGNS** *in (selected) CARIFORUM IP Offices*



As a result of the joint efforts of the Intellectual Property (IP) Offices/Registries of Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Suriname and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), today we are publishing a **Practice Fiche on Graphic Representations of Designs**.

The document provides a clear and comprehensive explanation of the principles of the practice, particularly on how to use appropriate visual disclaimers, types of views and how to represent designs on a neutral background. These principles will be generally applied by the subscribing CARIFORUM Offices.

This Practice Fiche is made publicly available with the main purpose to increase transparency, legal certainty and predictability for the benefit of the different IP offices' users and examiners. It also aims to become a reference for these and any other interested parties.

This achievement has been made possible thanks to the collaborative work carried out by the CARIFORUM IP Offices under the framework of the CARIFORUM Intellectual Property and Innovation Project (CarIPI), analysing and finding common grounds with the criteria aligned with the *Common Practice – Graphic Representation of Designs (CP6)* developed by the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN).

The Practice Fiche can be found here in English and Spanish:

- [Graphic-Representation of Designs Fiche CarIPI](#) [PDF - 0.40MB] [EN] [ES]

Background:

CarIPI is an international cooperation project funded by the European Union and implemented by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). It was set up to strengthen the intellectual property rights environment in CARIFORUM as a means of fostering trade and investment and stimulating innovation and competitiveness in the private sector, as the 'innovation and intellectual property rights' component of the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) support programme,

CarIPI aims to make a contribution towards achieving the commitments and expected benefits of the EPA, thus laying the ground for a sustainable long-term regional framework and cooperation in the field of intellectual property.

Since its inception in November 2019, not only has CarIPI worked towards supporting the CARIFORUM States in implementing CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) commitments, it has also facilitated the sharing of knowledge and experience on how IP systems can better respond to the needs of SMEs so that they can do business globally while safeguarding their IP. The project will run until 30 April 2024.