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## CIRCULAR

It has come to my notice that orders on a large number of trade marks opposition cases are pending for disposal after final hearing with the Joint Registrars/Deputy Registrars/Assistant Registrars thereby leading to complaints by aggrieved trade marks litigants.. It is not in public interest to keep such orders pending for unreasonable period. Such delay would also affect the quality of orders. Hence, all Joint Registrars/Deputy Registrars/Assistant Registrars who have reserved orders on contested proceedings are hereby directed to issue decision/speaking orders and dispose of all pending cases as expeditiously as possible. The backlog of such cases should be liquidated latest by **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009**. From **1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009**, **there shall not be** any cases pending for orders for more than **3 months** after the final hearing. If necessary all Hearing Officers dealing with contested cases should not hear further cases till the disposal of the pending cases.

Any lapses or violation of this circular on the part of Joint Registrars/Deputy Registrars/Assistant Registrars will be viewed seriously.

(P.H.Kurian)

Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks

To

1. All Joint Registrars/Deputy Registrars/Assistant Registrars  
Trade Marks Registry,  
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2. Office copy
3. Guard file