## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No.: 88188281	
Mark: EUROLUX	
Applicant: EuroLux Imports, Inc.	
Examiner: Emma Sirignano	C
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## **RESPONSE TO 02/21/2019 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Sirignano:

In response to the 02/21/2019 Office Action, please see the Remarks herewith

respectfully submitted. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested:

**<u>Remarks</u>** begin on page 2 of this paper.

#### **REMARKS**

#### I. <u>Section 2(d) Refusal – Likelihood of Confusion</u>

Registration of Applicant's EUROLUX mark has been refused because of the 02/21/2019 Office Action asserting a likelihood of confusion with the mark EUROLUXE, U.S. Reg. No. 3763028 in view of Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. §1052(d) and TMEP §§1207.01 *et seq.* Respectfully, the *DuPont* factors addressed *infra*, the prevalence of near identical terms in classes likely to bridge the gap into class 020, the frequent usage of the terms EURO and LUX in international class 020 for use with furniture and associate goods, the amended goods/services description provided herewith, and the sophisticated natures of the consumers for the goods offered under each mark support allowance of Applicant's Mark.

#### A. <u>The Predominance of the *DuPont* Factors Show that Confusion is Not</u> <u>Likely Between Applicant's Mark and the '028 Reg.</u>

Applicant seeks to register EUROLUX for:

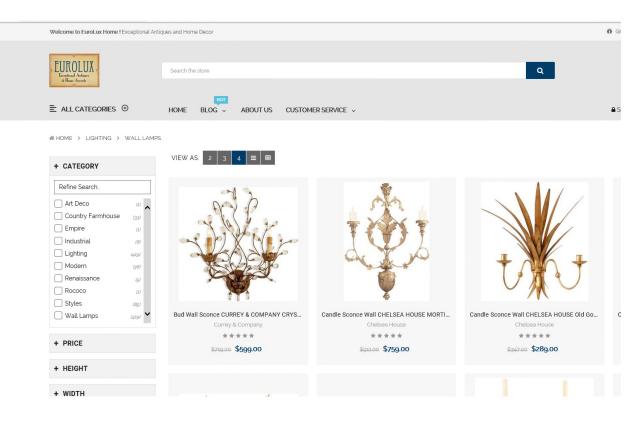
Class 11 – lighting, namely, antique, vintage lighting fixtures, including chandeliers, ceiling lights, and sconces.

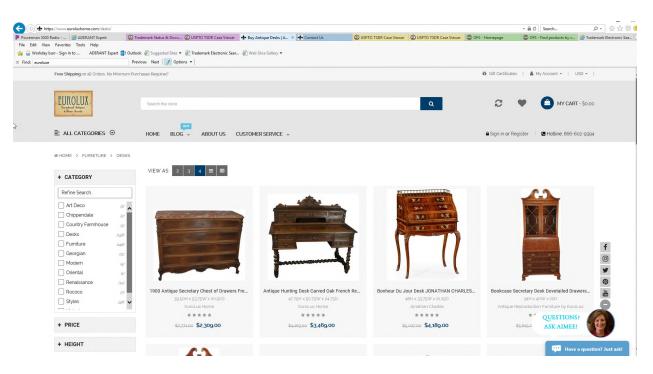
# Class 35 – provision of an online marketplace for buyers of vintage imported antique home décor made by others.

(1) With respect to appearance, the marks differ from one another as Applicant's mark is EUROLUX and the '028 Reg. is for EUROLUXE. Additionally, nearly identical marks exist in classes likely to bridge the gap into class 020, see *infra*, and class 020 is replete with marks using EURO and LUX with several uses for furniture, see *infra*. Thus, the commonality of the terms would lead to weak

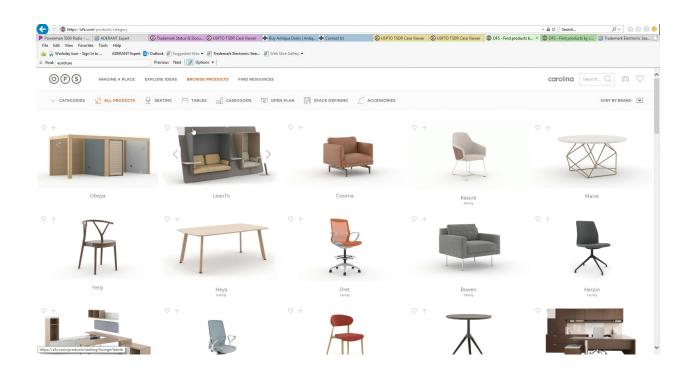
protection and cause consumers to inquire as to the source provider, especially here as the marks differ in appearance from one another, thereby preventing confusion;

(2) The goods/services offered pursuant to Applicant's mark and the '028 Reg. are not related. Applicant provides vintage, antique lighting fixtures such as sconces and an online retail marketplace for buyers of vintage, antique furniture. See below:





Meanwhile, Applicant can find no usage of the '028 Reg. on the owner's website - <u>https://ofs.com/</u>. Assuming *arguendo* that the mark is still in use, which is questionable as the Section 9 for the '028 Reg. is awaiting completion and the owner's website states that "our products no longer rely as heavily on wood materials" <u>https://ofs.com/sustainability</u>, the products offered on the owner's website are the polar opposite of vintage, antique furniture:



Those seeking to buy vintage, antique furniture would not seek out the owner's products as they are ultra-modern in style. The dominant features of the goods are styled toward ergonomic and current furniture fashion styles. Consumers of the ultra-modern would not be confused by a website offering vintage, antique furniture and/or antique lighting. Clearly, the goods are not related and no confusion is likely.

(3) The similarity or dissimilarity of established, likely-to-continue trade channels are also different for the marks. While no usage of the '028 Reg. can be found, the products the owner offers are directed toward office furniture, shared spaces, and workstations, see <u>https://ofs.com/products/application</u>. Conversely, Applicant's Mark functions in the antique furniture realm and is aimed at collectors of furniture and/or those desiring an antiquity based product. (6) As explained in more detail *infra*, Applicant's goods as well as those sold under the '028 Reg. will be purchased by sophisticated consumers making careful, deliberate purchases not impulse buys.

(7) As explained *infra*, the number and nature of marks in international class 020, as well as goods/services offered in other international classes likely to bridge the gap into class 020 under nearly identical marks to the '028 Reg., demonstrate the terms EURO and LUX are used with many similar services and goods and afforded narrow protection in class 020.

Thus, the *DuPont* factors dictate that confusion is unlikely between the marks. Therefore, registration of Applicant's mark is respectfully requested.

B. <u>Variations of EUROLUXE are Used With a Variety of Goods/Services</u> and Numerous Registrations using EURO and LUX Exist in Class 020.

A search of TESS for marks using \*EURO\* and \*LUX\* reveals sixteen (16) living marks using the terms together including thirteen (13) registrations. These include:

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EUROLUX-Reg. No. 2845980 - IC 002 - Interior Paints

**EUROPEAN LUXURY ORGANICS** – Reg. No. 3467558 – IC 024 - Bed sheets, pillow cases, pillow shams, bed blankets, throws, bed skirts, bath sheets, bath towels, washcloths, hand towels, kitchen towels, comforters, duvet covers, blanket covers, and bedspreads; IC 025 Bath robes, robes, kimono, nightwear, pajamas, tank tops, camisoles, and slippers

**EUROLUX** – Reg. No. 4593590 – IC 011 - Electric toaster ovens; electric coffee makers; electric cordless tea kettles with electric hotplates; hot plates; electric cookware, namely, roasters and broilers

EURO DELUXE SERIES – Reg. No. 4013892 – IC 011 - Toilet seats

**EUROLUX FRAGRANCES** – Reg. No. 5198687 – IC 003 - Perfume; fragrances; cologne; body spray; non-medicated skin care preparations; After-Shave; Eau De Cologne; Eau De Toilette; Eau De Parfum; Body Lotion; Shower Gel; Personal Deodorants

Additionally, the words EURO and LUX are used extensively throughout

class 020 and both are used with furniture.

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These include:

#### EURO LOUNGER - Reg. No. 5505076 – 020 - Furniture

EURO REST - Reg. No. 2663759 - IC 020 - featherbeds

 ${\bf EURO\ FOAM}-{\rm Reg.\ No.\ 2717111}$  - IC 020 -  ${\bf Mattresses},$  boxes springs and mattress foundations

EURO STAR – Reg. No. 2430066 – IC 020 – pillows

**EURO TEX** – Reg. No. 4576562 – IC 020 - **Mattresses**, box springs, pillows and mattress toppers

**EURO RTA** – Reg. No. 5057709 – IC 020 - **Kitchen cabinets**, closet cabinets, **bathroom vanities**, and parts and fittings for the aforementioned goods, namely, drawers, shelves and organizational accessories, namely, drawer organizers and non-metal fabric hanging organizers

EURO COMFORT II - Reg. 5391119 - IC 020 - Mattresses and box springs

A search for LUX shows twenty-seven (27) living and registered marks.

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4	88062760		BIO-LUX MARINE	TSDR	LIVE	
5	87476952		BIG JOE LUX OUTDOOR	TSDR	LIVE	
6	87927431		INTERNATIONAL LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
7	87778637	5683582	LUX HOME	TSDR	LIVE	
8	86515343	5296776	SOL-LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
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12	86081515	4710398	KALAMAZOO COLLEGE LUX ESTO APRIL 1833	TSDR	LIVE	
13	85933295	4779813	LUX TOOLS	TSDR	LIVE	
14	85137710	4471153	LUX-LOFT	TSDR	LIVE	
15	85382621	4227133	LUX ESTATE	TSDR	LIVE	
16	85720802	4459961	LUX BED BY AIRELOOM	TSDR	LIVE	
17	85374929	4220372	ROYAL LUX PLUSH BY IDEA NUOVA	TSDR	LIVE	
18	85775188	4813209	TRU-LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
19	85584348	4340994	LUXES	TSDR	LIVE	
20	78555283	3514067	MEMORY-LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
21	78267611	2958187	BELLA LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
22	77733897	3842612	LUX-GUARD	TSDR	LIVE	
23	77072338	3518840	BIO-LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
24	76531834	2956542	FIFTH AVENUE LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
25	76447441	2843679	MIRROR-LUX	TSDR	LIVE	
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These include:

LUX HOME – Reg. No. 5683582 – IC 020 - Furniture; Mirrors

**LUX TOOLS** – Reg. No. 4779813 - IC 020 - **Furniture parts**, namely, legs for tables, chairs, and desks; furniture; mirrors; picture frames; drawer pulls of plastic or wood, cork, reed, cane, wicker, horn, bone, ivory, whalebone, shell, amber, mother-of-pearl, meerschaum and substitutes for all these materials; dowels not of metal; window fittings, not of metal; furniture fittings, not of metal; non-metal door fittings; non-metal locks; tables; storage racks; tool chests not of metal; door snakes, namely, stuffed textile tube draft stoppers for doors; furniture cabinets; plastic shipping and storage boxes; plastic boxes; workbenches; industrial work tables; handles for tools and garden implements, not of metal; plastic key chains; non-metal clamps; nonmetal fasteners, namely, bolts, screws, nuts, washers, rivets, and hooks; nonmetal pallets; nonmetal and non-paper containers for storage or transport; non-metal ladders; non-metal stepladders; non-metal slides for furniture; furniture parts, namely, table and chair feet made of wood and plastic; coat hangers; non-metal furniture casters

ROL-LUX - Reg. No. 1967734 - IC 020 - roller shades for windows and doors

MIRROR LUX - Reg. No. 2843679 - IC 020 – Bathroom Mirrors

BIO-LUX - Reg. No. 3518840 - IC 020 - polyurethane foam seat and back

furniture cushions and visco-elastic foam mattresses.

LUX GUARD – Reg. No. 3842612 - IC 020 - flexible polyurethane foam seat

and back furniture cushions

LUXES – Reg. No. 4340994 – IC 020 - Coffins; Funerary urns; Mattresses;

Picture frames; Plastic boxes; Wood boxes; Works of art of wood, wax, plaster or plastic; Works of art of wicker

LUX ESTATE – Reg. No. 4227133 – IC 020 - Box springs; Mattresses

Given the near identical usages in classes likely to bridge the gap into class 020, as well as the dozens of registrations in class 020 that use combinations of EURO and/or LUX, EUROLUXE is entitled to narrow protection, even within its own class. This is especially true given that it restricts its goods to "furniture *featuring a wood preservative*," which would not include lighting nor vintage, antique furniture, wherein wood preservatives are unheard of and undesired as they impact the color and style of the wood composing the furniture. Accordingly, Applicant's Mark should be allowed and same is respectfully requested.

#### C. <u>Consumers of Vintage and Antique Lighting and Furniture are</u> <u>Sophisticated Purchases and Very Source Conscious.</u>

Applicant's Mark for EUROLUX for antique lighting and an online marketplace for vintage, antique furniture is not likely to be confused with EUROLUXE as shown by the *DuPont* analysis, supra, and the numerous registrations using EURO and LUX, in class 020 and similar classes, see *supra*. Allowance of Applicant's Mark is further supported by the unique nature of the goods offered by Applicant coupled with the sophisticated nature of the consumers purchasing those goods.

Applicant provides antique lighting, namely, antique, vintage lighting fixtures, including chandeliers, ceiling lights, and sconces and provides an online marketplace for buyers of vintage, imported antique home décor made by others. The goods offered under the '028 Reg., which Applicant assumes *arguendo* as no usage can be found at present, is made-to-order, ultra-modern workplace furniture focused on contemporary and cutting-edge current fashion and style choices that includes a wood preservative. Clearly, purchasers of antique lighting fixtures and vintage, antique furniture would not be confused as to the goods offered under the marks.

Accordingly, the services provided under Applicant's Mark are provided to a sophisticated, specialized, knowledgeable and well-informed consumer base. Thus, the users of Applicant's services, consumers seeking imported antique furniture and lighting fixtures, would be highly discerning given the desire for antique furniture.

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The same holds true for purchasers of the ultra-modern furniture provided by the owners of the '028 Reg. Thus, allowance and registration of Applicant's Mark is respectfully requested.

#### II. <u>Amendment to Goods/Services</u>

Please amend the classes to read:

Class 11 – lighting, namely, antique, vintage lighting fixtures, including chandeliers, ceiling lights, and sconces.

Class 35 – provision of an online marketplace for buyers of vintage imported antique home décor made by others.

#### III. <u>Request to Hold Applicant in Abeyance</u>

If the above arguments are not found persuasive, Applicant requests this application be held in abeyance until the EUROLUXE mark pays the requisite fees or expires.

#### IV. <u>Conclusion</u>

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any questions arise regarding this matter or if any additional information is required.

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