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The National Directorate of Industrial Property under the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of Uruguay ([DNPI](#)) has published a Practice Paper concerning the examination of absolute grounds for refusal as regards figurative trade marks with purely descriptive words/expressions.

This publication is the result of the joint collaboration efforts of the DNPI, the EUIPO and the EU-funded project [IP Key Latin America](#).

The DNPI is the **first Latin American IP office** to analyse and find common ground with the criteria developed under the Common Communication on the *Common Practice of Distinctiveness – Figurative marks containing descriptive/non-distinctive words*, referred to as *marcas mixtas* (mixed marks) in Uruguayan terminology. The publication of this Practice Paper is the result of the fruitful collaboration between the offices, under a set of actions promoted by IP Key Latin America.

The Practice Paper provides a clear and comprehensive explanation of the principles on which the practice of the DNPI and the IP offices of the European Union Intellectual Property Network ([EUIPN](#)) is based, in order to assess the examination of marks.

The publication of the Practice Paper seeks to **increase transparency, legal certainty and predictability** for the benefit of the users and examiners of the IP offices involved. The intention is that it will become a reference for IP offices, as well as for EU and Uruguayan users and other interested parties.

The Practice Paper has been made publicly available in **Spanish and English**.

Both versions can be found below. It is divided into two parts: the first summarises the criteria, the second provides a full explanation of the different criteria applicable in each case

DNPI Practice Paper

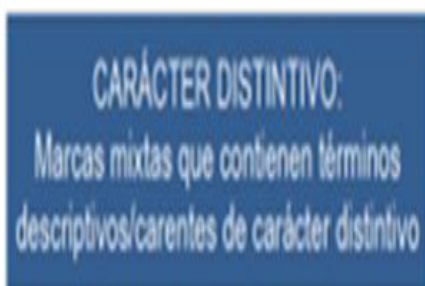
Distinctiveness – Mixed marks containing descriptive/non-distinctive words

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