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The latest edition of the Guidelines for Examination of European Union trade marks (EUTM) and registered Community designs (RCD) entered into force on 1 March 2021, following the approval by the Executive Director of the EUIPO on 8 February 2021 by means of [Decision EX-21-1](#).

The Guidelines are available in both electronic and PDF format on the [EUIPO website](#). The modifications introduced in the new edition can be seen and compared to the previous edition by switching on the 'Show modifications' option at the top part of the electronic version of the Guidelines.

The latest edition of the Guidelines was timed to coincide with the entry into force of the most recent Decisions of the Executive Director of the EUIPO: [EX-20-9 on communication by electronic means](#) and [EX-20-10 on technical specifications for annexes submitted on data carriers](#). Both Decisions and the Guidelines came into force on 1 March 2021.

More information about the main modifications introduced in the Guidelines is available in the [February 2021 edition of Alicante News](#).

The latest edition of the Guidelines is currently available in five languages: **English, French, German, Italian and Spanish**. Nevertheless, the Guidelines will be made available in the other 18 official languages of the EU during the course of 2021.