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Question

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Answer

The Trademark Clearinghouse accepts any trademark which is:

- still valid in the trademark register (not expired, rejected, cancelled or withdrawn)
- in use by the trademark owner, in the class it is registered
- court validated mark or a marks protected by statute or treaty are [accepted](#) as well.

A trademark may contain international characters, but not a combination of character sets: a Chinese trademark is accepted, a trademark having both a Chinese word and an English word will not be accepted.

An [image trademark](#) (visual trademark or device mark) is accepted as well, as long as the image contains characters that are allowed in domain names.

Trademarks containing a dot (.) are only accepted if the dot is not part of a domain extension (apple.pear is allowed, apple.com isn't).

For more details, please refer to sections 2.2.5 and 4 of the [TMCH Guidelines](#).

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