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Introduction

In an era filled with titles, certificates, and professional designations, it is no longer sufficient for an entity to describe itself as “international,” “accredited,” or “official.” The value is no longer in the strength of words, but in the strength of proof. The value is not in the appearance of a certificate, but in the owning entity, the legal record, the registration number, the scope of protection, and the possibility of verification.

The modern professional field no longer accepts open claims that are not supported by official documents or legal records. Every system that seeks to build real trust must present its identity clearly to the public: Who is it? Where is it registered? What is its legal number? What is the scope of its protection? Who has the right to use it?

This is where the importance of registering

INTERNATIONAL CULINARY & GASTRONOMY ARBITRATION - ICGA® as a registered British trademark emerges, not merely as an administrative procedure, but as a clear institutional declaration that serious professional identity is not built on claims, but on documentation, protection, and transparency.

Professional Identity Is Not Built by Words

Many entities use powerful terms such as “global,” “international,” “academic,” “official,” “accredited,” or “elite.” Yet no matter how strong these words may appear, they do not grant legal status unless they are supported by an official record, a verification system, or a clear reference.

Professional identity is not proven by design, logo, numerous certificates, or titles. It is proven by documents, records, law, and the public’s ability to verify its source.

Therefore, the difference between a documented system and an illusory system is not a difference in language, but a difference in proof.

ICGA® as a Registered British Trademark The trademark:

INTERNATIONAL CULINARY & GASTRONOMY ARBITRATION - ICGA®

has been registered as a British trademark in the name of:

International Culinary & Gastronomy Arbitration Ltd

and carries the official trademark number:

UK Registered Trade Mark No. UK00004350642

Trademark	INTERNATIONAL CULINARY & GASTRONOMY ARBITRATION – ICGA®		
Owner	International Culinary & Gastronomy Arbitration Ltd		
Trademark Number	UK Registered Trade Mark No. UK00004350642		
Filing Date	06 March 2026		
Official Registration Date	29 May 2026		
Class	Class 41		

The scope of registration includes educational and training activities and the production of educational materials related to professional lectures and specialized seminars.

This registration places ICGA® within a clear legal framework, gives it a verifiable identity, and separates it from any undocumented, unauthorized, confusing, or misleading use.

The Difference Between Registration and Claim

A claim can be written by anyone. Registration, however, takes place only through an official authority, legal procedures, defined data, and a clear legal owner.

A claim says: We are an international entity. Registration says: This is a registered identity, this is its number, this is its owner, and this is its scope.

A claim says: We issue certificates. Legal reference asks: What is the entity? What is its record? What is the scope of its work? Can it be verified?

A claim says: We are accredited. A serious institution provides a legal number, an official record, a verification system, and clear institutional responsibility.

This is where the decisive difference appears between those who build their presence on words and those who build it on documents.

Protecting the Public from Misleading Claims

Registering professional trademarks does not protect the institution only; it also protects the public. A member, trainee, or partner needs to know the entity they are dealing with and to distinguish between the official identity and entities that may use similar names, undocumented certificates, or misleading descriptions.

In the professional field, the danger is not only direct forgery, but also confusion. A similar name, similar logo, or certificate containing grand terms may appear, leading the recipient to believe that it is connected to an official, protected, or recognized body, while no real legal or institutional connection exists.

Legal registration therefore becomes a means of protecting public trust, clearing the field from disorder, and establishing a clear standard between the serious and the illusory.

A Certificate Has No Value Without Reference

The value of a certificate is not in the paper, the stamp, the gold color, or the number of phrases printed on it. Its value comes from the entity that issued it, its system, its record, and its verifiability.

A certificate that carries no verification number, is not connected to a clear legal entity, and is not based on a known professional system remains a formal document regardless of how attractive its design may be.

A professional document issued within a protected system, connected to a registered trademark, a verification system, and a clear legal identity, is part of an institutional structure that can be reviewed and held accountable.

Registration Is Not a Luxury but an Institutional Duty

Every serious professional institution must protect its name. Leaving identity unprotected opens the door to imitation, exploitation, claims, and public confusion.

For this reason, the registration of ICGA® is not merely an administrative achievement. It is an institutional duty toward members, trainees, arbitrators, and partners. It ensures that the name used in training, arbitration, and professional education is not a floating label, but a protected identity linked to a defined legal owner.

A Message to the Professional Field

The coming phase will not be the phase of open titles. It will be the phase of verification.

Whoever carries a professional title should present their reference. Whoever issues a certificate should prove their system. Whoever uses an institutional name should clarify its registration. Whoever claims accreditation should show its legal basis.

General speeches, unverifiable certificates, and titles that are not based on records will not withstand the standard of institutional transparency.

Conclusion

The registration of **ICGA®** as a registered British trademark represents a boundary between protected institutional identity and undocumented claims. It confirms that professional reference is not built through slogans, but through documents; not through promises, but through records; not through appearances, but through legal responsibility.

In a world where illusory certificates and uncontrolled designations are increasing, legal registration sends a clear message: real institutions do not fear verification; they build their strength upon it.