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**INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LAWS AND TREATIES
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Editor's Note

JAPAN

Trademark Law (Law No. 127 of April 13, 1959, as last amended by Law No. 65 of 1991) (*This text replaces the one previously published under the same code number*) . . . Text 3-001

LITHUANIA

Announcement on the Extension of the Time Limits Indicated in the Announcement on the Decree of the Government of Lithuania on the Protection of Industrial Property of May 29, 1992 Text 1-002

Notifications Concerning Treaties Administered by WIPO in the Field of Industrial Property

Paris Convention, Madrid Agreement (Marks), Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Declaration by Belarus

The Government of Belarus deposited, on April 14, 1993, the following declaration:

“The Government of the Republic of Belarus hereby declares that

- the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, of March 20, 1883, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and amended on September 28, 1979;
- the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, of April 14, 1891, as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and amended on September 28, 1979;
- the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), of June 19, 1970, as amended on September 28, 1979, and modified on February 3, 1984,

continue to be applicable to the territory of the Republic of Belarus and accepts the obligations set forth in the said Convention, Agreement and Treaty in respect of that territory.

The Government of the Republic of Belarus declares that, for the purpose of establishing its contribution towards the budget of the Paris Union, the Republic of Belarus wishes to belong to class VII.”

Paris Notification No. 138, Madrid (Marks) Notification No. 56 and PCT Notification No. 78, of April 22, 1993.

Hague Agreement

New Member of the Hague Union

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire deposited, on April 26, 1993, its instrument of accession to the

London Act of June 2, 1934, of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs of November 6, 1925, and to the Hague Act of November 28, 1960, of the said Agreement, supplemented by the Stockholm (Complementary) Act of July 14, 1967, as amended on September 28, 1979.

Côte d'Ivoire has not heretofore been a member of the Union for the International Deposit of Industrial Designs (“Hague Union”), founded by the Hague Agreement.

The London Act (1934) and the Hague Act (1960) will enter into force, in respect of Côte d'Ivoire, on May 30, 1993. On that same date, Côte d'Ivoire will become bound by Articles 1 to 7 of the Stockholm (Complementary) Act (1967) and will become a member of the Hague Union.

The Hague Notification No. 35, of April 30, 1993.

Nairobi Treaty

Declaration by Belarus

The Government of Belarus deposited, on April 14, 1993, the following declaration:

“The Republic of Belarus considers itself to be bound by the Nairobi Treaty on the Protection of the Olympic Symbol adopted at Nairobi on September 26, 1981, as a successor to the former USSR.”

Nairobi Notification No. 38, of April 22, 1993.

Normative Activities of WIPO in the Field of Industrial Property

Treaty on the Simplification of Administrative Procedures Concerning Marks (Trademark Law Treaty)

On February 22 and 23, 1993, the International Bureau organized in Geneva a meeting of five consultants from Germany, Japan, Switzerland, the

United Kingdom and the United States of America, to discuss the draft Trademark Law Treaty and draft Regulations with forms.

Registration Systems Administered by WIPO

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Application of Rule 32 of the PCT Regulations (Successor States)

In January and February 1993, in accordance with Rule 32 of the PCT Regulations, the International Bureau sent to 13,510 applicants (or agents of applicants) of 22,500 international applications under the PCT containing a designation (or election) of the Soviet Union and having international filing dates after December 24, 1991, and before November 24, 1992, notifications informing them of the possibility of requesting, within three months from the date of mailing of the said notifications, the continuation of the effects of such applications in Ukraine by filing requests for extension.

Training of Government Officials and Promotion Meetings with PCT Users

Germany. In February 1993, a WIPO official spoke at a PCT seminar organized in Munich by

Forum Management, an enterprise in Germany, for a group of 30 patent attorneys, heads of patent departments and senior administrative assistants.

United States of America. In February 1993, three WIPO officials spoke at a PCT seminar organized in Los Angeles (California) by the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association and the Orange County Patent Law Association for a group of 27 patent administrators from industry and law firms.

Use of Computers

In February 1993, four WIPO officials visited the United Kingdom Patent Office in Newport to observe the printing of patent documents from CD-ROMs in connection with the project for filling ad hoc orders for PCT pamphlets and printing from ESPACE-WORLD CD-ROMs to be developed by that Office for WIPO.

In February 1993, a WIPO official had discussions in The Hague with officials of the European Patent Office (EPO) and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) experts on the implementation of the USPTO/EPO/WIPO project for electronic filing of applications (EASY).

Also in February 1993, a WIPO official discussed with EPO officials in Munich PCT implementation matters, including the EASY project.

Also in February 1993, two EPO officials in charge of the EPIDOS (*European Patent Information and Documentation System*) project had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on future cooperation between WIPO and the EPO for the production and distribution of CD-ROM products (ESPACE-WORLD, ESPACE-FIRST and ESPACE-ACCESS) containing information on the international applications published under the PCT.

Madrid Union

Application of Rule 38 of the Madrid Regulations (Successor States)

In February 1993, in accordance with Rule 38 of the Regulations under the Madrid Agreement, the International Bureau sent to 53,137 owners (or agents of owners) of 109,793 international registrations containing a territorial extension to Czechoslovakia having effect before January 1, 1993, notices informing them of the possibility of requesting, within six months of the said notices, the continuation of the effects of such registrations in the Czech Republic, in Slovakia or in both countries.

Training of Government Officials and Promotion Meetings With Users of the Madrid System

Germany. In February 1993, a WIPO official had discussions with officials of the German Patent Office in Munich on the use and implementation of WIPO's ROMARIN (*Read-Only Memory of Madrid Actualized Registry Information*) CD-ROM product for marks. The WIPO official also attended a meeting on trademark computerization.

Liechtenstein. In February 1993, an official from the Trademark Office visited WIPO to discuss with WIPO officials various questions regarding the Madrid Agreement.

Activities of WIPO in the Field of Industrial Property Specially Designed for Developing Countries

Africa

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO National Seminar on Licensing Contracts (Burkina Faso). From February 2 to 4, 1993, WIPO organized, in cooperation with the Government of Burkina Faso and with the support of the Government of France, a National Seminar on Licensing

Contracts in Ouagadougou. The Seminar was attended by 40 participants from the judiciary, the university, research institutions, the private and semi-public sectors, as well as individual inventors. Papers were presented by two WIPO consultants from France and two WIPO officials.

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Burkina Faso. In February 1993, two WIPO officials held discussions in Ouagadougou with government and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) officials on a proposed UNDP-financed country project for the modernization of the industrial property administration in Burkina Faso. The WIPO mission also organized, for government officials and potential users in the private sector, a briefing on the importance of patent information and documentation, a demonstration on the functioning of CD-ROM technology and a presentation on WIPO development cooperation activities.

Cameroon. In February 1993, Mr. Patrice A. Mandeng, Minister for Industrial and Commercial Development, and another government official visited WIPO to discuss with the Director General and other WIPO officials the strengthening of cooperation between Cameroon and WIPO on industrial property matters.

Mali. In February 1993, two WIPO officials visited Bamako and organized a demonstration on the use and functioning of CD-ROM technology in

the field of patent information and documentation for interested potential users from the private and semi-public sectors, research institutions, the university and private inventors. During the demonstration, the participants were also briefed on the importance of patent information and documentation and on WIPO's development cooperation activities. In addition, the mission held discussions with government and UNDP officials on a proposed UNDP-financed country project for the modernization of the industrial property administration in Mali.

Niger. In February 1993, two WIPO officials visited Niamey and organized a demonstration on the use and functioning of CD-ROM technology in respect of patent information for 15 interested potential users from the private and semi-public sectors, research institutions, the university and private inventors. During the demonstration, the participants were also briefed on the importance of patent information and documentation and on WIPO's development cooperation activities. In addition, the mission held discussions with government and UNDP officials on a proposed UNDP-financed country project for the modernization of the industrial property administration in Niger.

Arab Countries

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Morocco. In February 1993, two WIPO officials undertook a mission to Rabat to attend a tripartite review meeting between the Moroccan Industrial Property Office, UNDP and WIPO concerning the UNDP-funded country project for the modernization

of the industrial property system. The meeting reviewed the activities carried out under the project in 1992 as well as the proposed plan for 1993. The mission also had discussions with government officials in Rabat and Casablanca on legislative and administrative issues concerning industrial property in Morocco.

Asia and the Pacific

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

China. In February 1993, a government official from the Chinese Patent Office undertook a study visit organized by WIPO to the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) in Tokyo. The program covered training in the processing of patent applications, examination and information.

India. In February 1993, three government officials from the Department of Industrial Development, Ministry of Industry (New Delhi), the Office of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and

Trade Marks (Bombay) and the National Informatics Centre, Planning Commission (New Delhi), undertook a study visit, organized by WIPO, on the computerization of patent information services and their management, to the following industrial property offices: the United Kingdom Patent Office (in London and Newport), as well as the British Library in London; the European Patent Office (EPO) (in The Hague, Munich and Vienna); the Austrian Patent Office (in Vienna); and to WIPO in Geneva. The study visit was organized in the framework of the UNDP-financed country project entitled "Modernization of the Patent Information System (PIS), Nagpur."

Thailand. In February 1993, a government official from the Trademark Division of the Department of Intellectual Property undertook a study visit orga-

nized by WIPO to the JPO in Tokyo. The program covered training in trademark administration and examination.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

Joint Project of WIPO, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM) and the EPO on the Issue of a CD-ROM Product Containing the First Pages of Latin American Patents and Patent Applications (DOPALES-PRIMERAS). On February 17, 1993, the Sixth WIPO/EPO/OEPM Coordination Meeting on "DOPALES-PRIMERAS" took place in Geneva. Discussions were held on the preparation of the first production disc DOPALES-PRIMERAS which will contain first pages and bibliographic data of patent documents published in Latin America in 1991.

WIPO National Symposium on the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Peru). On February 23 and 24, 1993, WIPO organized a National Symposium on the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property in Lima in cooperation with the newly established National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property (INDECOPI). Around 200 participants from the public and private sectors attended the Symposium. Papers were presented by two WIPO officials.

Colombia. In February 1993, a WIPO consultant from the United Kingdom participated in a Seminar on Plant Varieties, Biotechnology and Microorganisms, organized by the Government of Colombia in Santa Fe de Bogotá. The WIPO consultant spoke on the patent protection of biotechnological inventions. The Seminar was attended by 60 participants.

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Bolivia. In February 1993, a WIPO official had discussions with government officials in La Paz

concerning Bolivia's accession to WIPO-administered treaties, modernization of the country's industrial property legislation and future cooperation between WIPO and Bolivia.

Colombia. In February 1993, a WIPO consultant from Chile undertook a mission to Santa Fe de Bogotá to assist in the implementation of the program for the computerization of the industrial property operations of the Directorate General of Industry and Commerce. The mission was organized under the UNDP-financed country project for the modernization and development of the industrial property system. The consultant made recommendations for the purchase of additional equipment.

Cuba. In February 1993, a WIPO official undertook a mission to Havana to assess the needs of the National Office of Inventions, Technical Information and Marks (ONIITEM) in the field of patent information and documentation. He was received by the First Vice-President of the Academy of Science of Cuba and held discussions on future cooperation between WIPO and Cuba for the computerization of patent information services and documentation.

Peru. In February 1993, a WIPO official undertook a mission to Lima and discussed with the government authorities future cooperation between WIPO and INDECOPI.

Uruguay. In February 1993, the Director General received the visit of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sergio Abreu Bonilla. They discussed cooperation between WIPO and Uruguay in the field of intellectual property.

Activities of WIPO in the Field of Industrial Property Specially Designed for European Countries in Transition to Market Economy

National Activities

Bulgaria. In February 1993, Mr. Kristo Iliev, Director General of the Institute of Inventions and Rationalizations, accompanied by an official of the same Institute, visited WIPO to discuss with WIPO officials cooperation to further develop the industrial property system in Bulgaria.

Kazakhstan. In February 1993, Mr. Tolesh E. Kaudyrov, Chairman of the National Patent Office, had discussions in Geneva with the Director General and other WIPO officials on the continued applica-

tion of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the drafting of an announcement on the protection of industrial property in Kazakhstan and future cooperation with WIPO.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In February 1993, Ambassador Naste Calovski, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic, and another government official visited WIPO and discussed with the Director General matters of mutual interest.

Contacts of the International Bureau of WIPO with Governments and International Organizations in the Field of Industrial Property

United Nations

United Nations Administrative Committee on Coordination (Organizational Committee) (ACC/OC). In February 1993, a WIPO official attended in New York the ACC/OC preparatory meeting of the first session of the ACC in 1993, to be held in April in Rome.

Intergovernmental Organizations

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). In February 1993, an official of EBRD had discussions with WIPO officials in

Geneva on WIPO's activities in the field of industrial property and possible cooperation between WIPO and the Bank in training for the benefit of European countries in transition to market economy.

European Patent Office (EPO). In February 1993, the WIPO/EPO Task Force on the Use of CD-ROM Technology by Developing Countries in the Field of Patent Documentation met at the headquarters of WIPO to discuss further cooperation.

World Meteorological Organization (WMO). In February 1993, two WMO officials had discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on the intellectual property protection of meteorological data and products.

Other Organizations

Association of International Libraries (AIL). In February 1993, a WIPO official attended a meeting on new technologies organized in Geneva by AIL.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO). In February 1993, a WIPO official attended in Geneva a meeting of the ISO editorial committee which discussed the text of a proposed ISO Standard on Electronic Manuscript Preparation and Markup

(an application of the Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) to books, serials and articles).

Meckler (Managing Information Technology)/Library Association of the United Kingdom (London). In February 1993, a WIPO official attended in London the 7th Annual Conference, entitled "Computers in Libraries International 1993," organized by Meckler (Managing Information Technology), an enterprise in the United Kingdom, and the Library Association of the United Kingdom.

Miscellaneous News

National News

China. The Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China were approved by the State Council and promulgated by the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China in December 1992 and entered into force on January 1, 1993.

Estonia. The Trademark Act of August 27, 1992, entered into force on October 1, 1992.

Russian Federation. The Law of the Russian Federation on the Legal Protection of Integrated Circuits of 1992 entered into force on October 14, 1992.

Switzerland. The Ordinance on the Protection of Trademarks of December 23, 1992, entered into force on April 1, 1993.

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

(Not all WIPO meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1993

June 2 to 4 (Geneva)

Working Group of Non-Governmental Organizations on Arbitration and Other Extra-Judicial Mechanisms for the Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes Between Private Parties (Third Session)

The Working Group will examine draft WIPO arbitration and mediation rules, in view of the proposed establishment, within WIPO, of services for the resolution of disputes between private parties concerning intellectual property rights.

Invitations: Selected non-governmental organizations.

- June 7 to 18 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on the Harmonization of Laws for the Protection of Marks (Fifth Session)**
 The Committee will continue to examine a draft trademark law treaty, with particular emphasis on the harmonization of formalities with respect to trademark registration procedures.
Invitations: States members of the Paris Union, the European Communities and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Paris Union and certain organizations.
- June 21 to 25 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention (Third Session)**
 The Committee will continue to examine the question of the preparation of a possible protocol to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.
Invitations: States members of the Berne Union, the Commission of the European Communities and, as observers, States members of WIPO not members of the Berne Union and certain organizations.
- June 28 to July 2 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on a Possible Instrument on the Protection of the Rights of Performers and Producers of Phonograms (First Session)**
 The Committee will examine the question of the preparation of a possible new instrument (treaty) on the protection of the rights of performers and producers of phonograms.
Invitations: States members of WIPO, the Commission of the European Communities and, as observers, certain organizations.
- September 20 to 29 (Geneva)** **Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Twenty-Fourth Series of Meetings)**
 All the Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions administered by WIPO meet in ordinary sessions every two years in odd-numbered years.
 In the sessions in 1993, the Governing Bodies will, *inter alia*, review and evaluate WIPO's activities undertaken since July 1991, and adopt the program and budget of the International Bureau for the 1994-95 biennium.
Invitations: States members of WIPO or the Unions and, as observers, other States members of the United Nations and certain organizations.
- October 13 and 14 (Funchal, Madeira)** **Symposium on the International Protection of Geographical Indications (organized by WIPO in cooperation with the Government of Portugal)**
 The Symposium will deal with the protection of geographical indications (appellations of origin and other geographical indications) both on the national and multilateral level.
Invitations: Governments, selected non-governmental organizations and any member of the public (against payment of a registration fee).
- November 8 to 12 (Geneva)** **Committee of Experts on a Model Law on the Rights of Performers and Producers of Phonograms (Second Session)**
 The Committee of Experts will continue to consider a draft Model Law dealing with the protection of the rights of producers of phonograms, and it will consider (for the first time) provisions for the Model Law dealing with the rights of performing artists.
Invitations: States members of the Berne Union or WIPO, or party to the Rome Convention or the Phonograms Convention and, as observers, certain organizations.

UPOV Meetings

(Not all UPOV meetings are listed. Dates are subject to possible change.)

1993

- October 27 (Geneva)** **Administrative and Legal Committee**
Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and inter-governmental organizations.
- October 28 (Geneva)** **Consultative Committee (Forty-Seventh Session)**
Invitations: Member States of UPOV.
- October 29 (Geneva)** **Council (Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Session)**
Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Other Meetings

1993

- June 2 to 5 (Madrid) European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA): Annual General Meeting and Conference
- June 7 to 11 (Vejde) International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI): Executive Committee
- June 12 to 16 (Lisbon) International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI): Council of Presidents
- June 26 to July 1 (Berlin) Licensing Executives Society International (LESI): Annual Meeting
- August 17 to 19 (Stockholm) International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP): Annual Meeting
- September 12 to 16 (Colombo) Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA): 13th LAWASIA Conference
- September 20 to 24 (Antwerp) International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI): Congress
- October 1 and 2 (Budapest) International League of Competition Law (LIDC): Study Days
- October 6 to 8 (Cincinnati) Pacific Industrial Property Association (PIPA): International Congress
- October 12 to 14 (Lugano) International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisations (IFRRO): Annual General Meeting

1994

- February 2 to 8 (Queenstown) International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI): Executive Committee
- May 8 to 11 (Seattle) United States Trademark Association (USTA): 116th Annual Meeting
- May 25 to 28 (Luxembourg) European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA): Annual General Meeting and Conference
- June 12 to 18 (Copenhagen) International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI): Executive Committee
- June 20 to 24 (Vienna) International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys (FICPI): Congress

