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Law on Trademarks (No. 137 of June 21, 1995) Text 3-001

GERMANY

Law on the Reform of Trade Mark Law and on the Incorporation of the First Council Directive of December 21, 1988, to Approximate the Laws of the Member States Relating to Trade Marks (89/104/EEC) (Trade Mark Reform Law) (of October 25, 1994) – Law on the Protection of Trade Marks and Other Signs (Trade Mark Law) (*Replacement sheets*) Text 3-001

HUNGARY

Law No. XXXVIII of 1991 on Utility Model Protection (as last amended by Law No. XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions) (*This text replaces the one previously published under the same code number.*) Text 2-010

MALAYSIA

Patents Act 1983 (Act 291, as last amended by the Patents (Amendment) Act 1993) (Act A 863)) (*This text replaces the one previously published under the same code number.*) Text 2-001

TURKEY

Decree-Law No. 544 on the Establishment and Functions of the Turkish Patent Institute (of June 24, 1994) Text 1-001

Decree-Law No. 556 on the Protection of Trademarks (of June 27, 1995) Text 3-001

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European Communities

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2868/95 of 13 December 1995 Implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 40/94 on the Community Trade Mark Text 3-004

**COPYRIGHT AND NEIGHBORING RIGHTS LAWS AND TREATIES
(INSERT)**

Editor's Note

CHINA

Regulations on Computer Software Protection (of June 4, 1991) Text 6-01

NORWAY

Act No. 2 of May 12, 1961, Relating to Copyright in Literary, Scientific and Artistic Works, etc., With Subsequent Amendments Up to June 30, 1995 (as last amended by Law No. 27 of June 2, 1995) (*This text replaces the one previously published under the same code number.*) Text 1-01

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Federal Law No. 40 of 1992 on the Protection of Intellectual Works and Copyright (of September 28, 1992) Text 1-01

Notifications Concerning Treaties Administered by WIPO

Paris Convention

Accession

NICARAGUA

The Government of Nicaragua deposited, on April 3, 1996, its instrument of accession to 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.

Furthermore, the said instrument of accession contains the following declaration:

“Nicaragua, in acceding to the Convention and depositing the corresponding instrument of accession, declares that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 28 of the Convention.” (*Translation*)

Nicaragua has not heretofore been a member of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property (“Paris Union”), founded by the Paris Convention.

The Paris Convention as revised will enter into force, with respect to Nicaragua, on July 3, 1996. On that date, Nicaragua will become a member of the Paris Union.

Paris Notification No. 171, of April 3, 1996.

Berne Convention

Accession

PANAMA

The Government of Panama deposited, on March 8, 1996, its instrument of accession to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of September 9, 1886, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, and amended on September 28, 1979.

The Berne Convention as revised will enter into force, with respect to Panama, on June 8, 1996. On that date, Panama will also become a member of the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (“Berne Union”), founded by the Berne Convention.

Berne Notification No. 174, of March 8, 1996.

Budapest Treaty

I. Change of Name

EUROPEAN COLLECTION OF CELL CULTURES (ECACC)

(United Kingdom)

(formerly known as “European Collection
of Animal Cell Cultures (ECACC)”)

Corrigendum

The correct new name of the international depositary authority which is the subject of Budapest Notification No. 141 is “European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC),” not “European Collection of Cell Structures (ECACC).”

Budapest Notification No. 141 (Corrigendum), of March 25, 1996.

II. New Schedule of Fees

AMERICAN TYPE CULTURE COLLECTION (ATCC)

(United States of America)

The Director General of WIPO was informed by notification received on March 14, 1996, and dated March 13, 1996, from the Government of the United States of America, of a new schedule of fees by the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty, as follows:

<i>All ATCC Cultures</i>	<i>Per Item USD</i>
U.S. Non-Profit Institutions	74.00 to 150.00
Foreign Non-Profit Institutions	74.00 ¹ to 150.00 ²
Other U.S. and Foreign Institutions	109.00 to 225.00

¹ Additional handling and processing = \$37.00 per item.

² Additional handling and processing = \$75.00 per item.

Because of the diversity of ATCC holdings, and the requirements for complicated and varied culture media and growth conditions, the fees for ATCC cultures vary. Therefore, the current fees have been listed as a range representing all currently available ATCC cultures.

[End of text of the notification of the Government of the United States of America]

The fees set forth in the said notification of the Government of the United States of America will apply as from the thirtieth day following the date (April 30, 1996) of the publication of the said fees in the present issue of *Industrial Property and Copyright*, that is, as from May 30, 1996 (see Rule 12.2(c) of the Regulations under the Budapest Treaty), and will replace the fees published in the May 1995 issue of *Industrial Property and Copyright*.

Budapest Notification No. 103 (this notification is the subject of Budapest Notification No. 146, of April 15, 1996).

Trademark Law Treaty

I. Accession

SRI LANKA

The Government of Sri Lanka deposited, on March 6, 1996, its instrument of accession to the

Trademark Law Treaty, done at Geneva on October 27, 1994.

The said instrument also contains the following declaration in respect of the provisions of the said Treaty mentioned below:

“(i) with reference to Article 22(1)(a) thereof, that notwithstanding Article 3(5), an application may be filed with the Office only in respect of goods or services which belong to one class of the Nice Classification.

(ii) with reference to Article 22(1)(c) thereof, that notwithstanding Article 7(1), no application may be divided.

(iii) with reference to Article 22(2) thereof, that notwithstanding Article 4(3)(b), a power of attorney may only relate to one application or one registration.

(iv) with reference to Article 22(4) thereof, that notwithstanding Article 10(1)(e), (2) and (3), Article 11(1)(h) and (3) and Article 12(1)(e) and (2), a request for the recordal of a change in name and/or address, a request for the recordal of a change in ownership and a request for the correction of a mistake may only relate to one application or one registration.”

The date of entry into force of the said Treaty will be notified when the required number of ratifications, acceptances, approvals, or accessions is reached in accordance with Article 20(2) of the said Treaty.

TLT Notification No. 4, of March 11, 1996.

II. Ratification

CZECH REPUBLIC

The Government of the Czech Republic deposited, on April 3, 1996, its instrument of ratification of the Trademark Law Treaty, done at Geneva on October 27, 1994.

The date of entry into force of the said Treaty will be notified when the required number of ratifications, acceptances, approvals, or accessions is reached in accordance with Article 20(2) of the said Treaty.

TLT Notification No. 5, of April 3, 1996.

Registration Systems Administered by WIPO

Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Training and Promotion Meetings With PCT Users

Israel. In late January and early February 1996, a government official was given training in receiving

Office procedures under the PCT at WIPO in Geneva. He also had discussions with WIPO officials on PCT matters, including the possibility of further training for government officials and computerization of PCT operations.

Madrid Union

Training and Promotion Meetings With Users of the Madrid System

China. In January 1996, Mr. Bai Dahua, Deputy Director General of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) and Director of the Trademark Office, and another government official had discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on further cooperation activities between China and WIPO. They also reviewed organizational arrangements for the March 1996 Seminar on China and the System of Interna-

tional Registration of Marks and the Study Days on the same topic, both to be organized by SAIC and WIPO in Shenzhen and Beijing, respectively, as well as certain details of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement (Madrid Protocol).

Denmark. In January 1996, two government officials met with WIPO officials in Geneva to discuss and examine with them the draft legislation for the implementation of the Madrid Protocol in Denmark.

Activities of WIPO Specially Designed for Developing Countries

Africa

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO African Consultation Meeting on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention and a Possible Instrument for the Protection of the Rights of Performers and Producers of Phonograms and on the Legal Protection of Folklore (Nigeria). From January 25 to 27, 1996, WIPO organized that Meeting in Abuja. It was attended by 18 government officials from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia and Zambia, and three WIPO officials. The Meeting was opened by the Head of State, General Sani Abacha. Its purpose was to consider proposals for the above-mentioned possible Protocol and possible new instrument, as well as to examine the intellectual property aspects of the protection of expressions of folklore.

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Equatorial Guinea. In January 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, comments on the draft decree establishing the Industrial Property Registry.

Ethiopia. In January 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, a draft proclamation concerning marks, collective marks and acts of unfair competition. That draft took into account the relevant provisions of WIPO-administered treaties and

the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement).

Guinea. In January 1996, two government officials held discussions with the Director General and WIPO officials in Geneva on the reinforcement of cooperation between Guinea and WIPO in the field of copyright and neighboring rights.

Also in January 1996, a WIPO official and a WIPO consultant from France undertook a mission to Conakry to advise on the upgrading of the national industrial property system. They held discussions in this respect with government leaders and officials, and gave advice to the staff of the Service of Industrial Property on the strengthening of administrative procedures for the granting of rights.

Liberia. In January 1996, a government official held discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on matters of cooperation.

Togo. In January 1996, a WIPO official visited Lomé to discuss with government leaders and officials and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) officials the modernization of the country's industrial property system and the possibility of a country project for Togo in the field of industrial property, to be executed by WIPO.

From January to June 1996, a national of Togo will be attending a training program in the field of industrial property at the Centre for International Industrial Property Studies (CEIPI) in Strasbourg (France), as a recipient of a WIPO long-term fellowship.

Arab Countries

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Symposium on Intellectual Property for Arab Countries (Egypt). From January 14 to 16, 1996, WIPO organized that Symposium in Cairo, jointly with the Regional Information Technology and Software Engineering Center (RITSEC) and with the assistance of the Government of Egypt. Twenty-three government officials from Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman,

Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, as well as 100 participants from the government and private sectors in Egypt attended the Symposium. Presentations were made by five WIPO consultants from Egypt, Finland, Germany, Slovenia and Switzerland, four Egyptian experts and three WIPO officials. Among the subjects covered were the implications for the countries of the TRIPS Agreement.

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Egypt. In January 1996, Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Ibrahim, Chairman, Administration of Commercial Registration, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva WIPO's assistance in the revision of Egypt's trademark legislation, on-the-job training in the processing of applications for trademark registration and the organization of a national seminar on trademarks later in 1996. He also discussed the advantages for Egypt of acceding to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks.

Also in January 1996, a government official held discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on matters of cooperation in the field of copyright.

Jordan. In January 1996, Mr. Samir Habashna, Minister of Culture, and another government official held discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva. They discussed a program of further cooperation between Jordan and WIPO.

Morocco. In January 1996, Mr. Aziz Bouazzaoui, Director, Moroccan Industrial Property Office, held discussions with WIPO officials in Geneva on current matters of cooperation.

Also in January 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, comments on the draft industrial property law. Those comments took into account the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement.

Asia and the Pacific

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Asian Round Table on the Strengthening of the Industrial Property System in View of Recent International Developments (Philippines). From January 17 to 19, 1996, WIPO organized that Round Table in Manila, in cooperation with the Government of the Philippines and the Japanese Patent Office (JPO). Thirty-four participants from the government and private sectors of Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam attended the Round Table. In addition, there were 67 participants from government circles, industry, the legal profession, universities and research centers in the Philippines, as well as six government officials from the JPO. Papers were presented by eight WIPO consultants from Australia, Austria, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the World Trade Organization (WTO), and four speaker-participants from China, Malaysia, the Philippines and the Republic of Korea. In addition, two WIPO officials participated in the Round Table. Among the subjects covered were the implications for the countries of the TRIPS Agreement.

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Bhutan. In January 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, a revised draft industrial property act incorporating amendments required for

compliance with obligations under the TRIPS Agreement.

China. In January 1996, Mr. Gao Zhanxiang, Deputy Minister of Culture, and two other government officials undertook a WIPO-organized visit to Geneva to discuss with the Director General and other WIPO officials legal issues on the protection of folklore.

In late January and early February 1996, two WIPO consultants from the JPO undertook separate advisory missions to the Chinese Patent Office (CPO) in Beijing to advise its staff on, respectively, industrial designs and the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Indonesia. In January 1996, a WIPO official participated, in Jakarta, in the National Program Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting under the European Commission (EC)-ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Patents and Trademarks Program. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Government, the European Patent Office (EPO), the European Commission, universities and private institutions. WIPO and the EPO reported on their respective activities undertaken in 1995. The work plans for 1996 were adopted.

Also in January 1996, a WIPO consultant from Australia undertook a mission to the Directorate General of Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks in Tangerang, under the above-mentioned EC-ASEAN Program, to assist the said Directorate in the continuing computerization of its operations.

Micronesia (Federated States of). In January 1996, a WIPO consultant from Australia undertook a mission to Pohpei to advise the Government on ways of making more effective use of the industrial

property system through appropriate national industrial property legislation and better administration, on the advantages of adherence to WIPO-administered treaties, as well as on the consequences of the TRIPS Agreement.

Myanmar. In January 1996, Brigadier General D. Oliver Abel, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, and three other government officials held discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on possible cooperation between Myanmar and WIPO, and in particular on WIPO's possible assistance in modernizing the national intellectual property system, as well as adherence to the WIPO Convention and other WIPO-administered treaties, and obligations under the TRIPS Agreement.

Philippines. In January 1996, the International Bureau sent to the government authorities, at their request, comments and suggestions concerning the revision of provisions of the draft patent legislation of the Philippines.

Singapore. In January 1996, two government officials held discussions with the Director General

and other WIPO officials in Geneva on cooperation between Singapore and WIPO, as well as between WIPO and ASEAN countries.

Also in January 1996, the International Bureau prepared and sent to the government authorities, at their request, comments on provisions of the Patents Act and of its Regulations in respect of the PCT.

Tonga. In January 1996, a WIPO consultant from Australia undertook a mission to Tongatapu to advise the Government on ways of making more effective use of the industrial property system through appropriate national industrial property legislation and better administration, on the advantages of adherence to WIPO-administered treaties, as well as on the consequences of the TRIPS Agreement.

Vanuatu. In January 1996, a WIPO consultant from Australia undertook a mission to Port Vila to advise the Government on ways of making more effective use of the industrial property system through appropriate national industrial property legislation and better administration, on the advantages of adherence to WIPO-administered treaties, as well as on the consequences of the TRIPS Agreement.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Training Courses, Seminars and Meetings

WIPO Regional Consultation Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention and a Possible Instrument for the Protection of the Rights of Performers and Producers of Phonograms (Geneva). From January 29 to 31, 1996, WIPO organized that Meeting in Geneva. It was attended by 25 government officials from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela, and two WIPO officials. The purpose of the Meeting was to consider proposals for the above-mentioned possible Protocol and possible new instrument, as well as to examine the intellectual property aspects of the protection of expressions of folklore.

Assistance With Training, Legislation and Modernization of Administration

Argentina. In January 1996, an official of the Argentine Federation of Musicians (FAM) discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva matters of cooperation in the field of copyright and neighboring rights.

Cuba. In January 1996, Mr. Miguel Jimenez Aday, Director General, Cuban Copyright Center, held discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on the expected accession of Cuba to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works and cooperation between his country and WIPO.

From January to December 1996, two nationals of Cuba will be attending a postgraduate degree course on intellectual property at the University of Los Andes in Merida (Venezuela), as recipients of WIPO long-term fellowships.

Ecuador. From January to December 1996, a national of Ecuador will be attending a postgraduate degree course on intellectual property at the University of Los Andes in Merida (Venezuela), as a recipient of a WIPO long-term fellowship.

Mexico. In January 1996, Mr. Fernando Serrano Migallón, Director General, Directorate General of Copyright, held discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on the revision of the Mexican copyright legislation, including compliance with WIPO-administered treaties and the TRIPS Agreement.

Development Cooperation (in General)

France. In January 1996, two WIPO officials discussed with government officials in Paris WIPO's 1996 development cooperation activities in the field of industrial property, to be financed by a special contribution from the Government of France under a yearly funds-in-trust arrangement between that Government and WIPO.

European Patent Office (EPO). In late January and early February 1996, three EPO officials discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva joint cooperation activities to be undertaken in 1996 for the benefit of developing countries.

Activities of WIPO Specially Designed for Countries in Transition to Market Economy

Regional Activities

Central and Eastern European Countries. In January 1996, two WIPO officials attended, in Budapest, the VIIth Coordination Meeting of the European Communities' Regional Industrial Property Programme for Central and Eastern Europe (PHARE-RIPP), which is being implemented by the European Patent Office (EPO).

National Activities

Albania. In January 1996, Mr. Albert Kushti, Director, Patents and Trademarks Office, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the program and organizational arrangements for the March 1996 Symposium on the Role of the Industrial Property System in Economic and Technological Development, to be organized in Tirana by the said Office and WIPO.

Armenia. In January 1996, a government official discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva various questions relating to the beginning of operations under the Eurasian Patent Convention (on January 1, 1996), as well as to possible modification of Armenian legislation to conform to the TRIPS Agreement, in particular to its provisions on the protection of layout-designs of integrated circuits.

Azerbaijan. In January and early February 1996, Mr. Nureddin M.A. Babirly, Director, Department of Patent and Licensing of the State Committee of Science and Technology, and another government official were given training in receiving Office procedures under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

and in the administrative procedures under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks at WIPO in Geneva. They also had discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials on the activities of the said Department, possible cooperation with WIPO in organizing a national seminar on patents in late 1996, and various questions concerning mainly the PCT.

Croatia. In January 1996, Mr. Nikola Kopčić, Director, State Patent Office, discussed with WIPO officials in Geneva the organization, in late 1996, of a national symposium on the new national patent law and the PCT.

Hungary. In January 1996, Mr. Károly Attila Soós, Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry and Trade, and two other government officials held discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on the preparation of a study on the financial and other implications of the TRIPS Agreement for developing countries.

Also in January 1996, Mr. Ernő Szarka, President, Hungarian Patent Office, and another government official discussed with the Director General and other WIPO officials preparations for WIPO's participation in the celebration of the centenary of the Hungarian patent system, in Budapest, in March 1996.

Slovakia. In January 1996, Mr. Martin Hudoba, President, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic, and another government official had discussions with the Director General and other WIPO officials in Geneva on the organizational structure of the Office and future training of government officials under the PCT and the Madrid Agreement.

Contacts of the International Bureau of WIPO With Other Governments and With International Organizations

National Contacts

Greece. In January 1996, the Director General and another WIPO official participated in the inauguration ceremony of the new headquarters building of the Greek Industrial Property Organisation (OBI) in Athens, and held discussions with government officials on cooperation between Greece and WIPO.

Intergovernmental Organizations

European Communities (EC). In January 1996, a WIPO official attended the EC's hearing on the Green Paper *Copyright and Related Rights in the Information Society*, held in Brussels.

Also in January 1996, a WIPO official attended as an observer two meetings organized in Newport by the United Kingdom Patent Office to discuss the MIPEX (*Message-based Industrial Property Information EXchange*) project, which is a proposed cooperation project for electronic trading of industrial property information under the EC's Telematics Applications Programme.

European Patent Office (EPO). In January 1996, the new President of the EPO, Mr. Ingo Kober, visited the Director General at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva. They held discussions on cooperation between the two organizations.

World Trade Organization (WTO). On January 1, 1996, the Agreement Between WIPO and the World Trade Organization (WTO) entered into force. The Agreement establishes arrangements for cooperation between WIPO and the WTO in respect of the following three areas:

(i) notification by Members of the WTO of the texts of their intellectual property laws and regulations in their original language and where that language is not English, French or Spanish, also in a translation in one of these three languages; assistance by WIPO in preparing such translations; collection of the said texts and translations by WIPO; furnishing of copies of the texts or translations; access to WIPO's computerized database of the said texts and translations;

(ii) receipt by WIPO of communication of State emblems by Members of WTO and notification of the same to the other Members;

(iii) legal-technical assistance by WIPO to developing country WTO Members; cooperation between WIPO and the WTO in the legal-technical assistance and technical cooperation activities.

In January 1996, WIPO received the first request for laws and regulations under Article 2(3)(a) of the WIPO-WTO Agreement (*Accessibility of Laws and Regulations in the WIPO Collection by the WTO Secretariat and the Council for TRIPS*).

Also in January 1996, WIPO communicated to the WTO Members not party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the armorial bearings, flags and other State emblems of the countries party to the Paris Convention, and the official signs and hallmarks indicating control and warranty adopted by them, as well as the armorial bearings, flags and other emblems, abbreviations and names of international intergovernmental organizations that have so far been communicated to the countries party to the Paris Convention in accordance with Article 6ter of that Convention.

The said communication was made under Article 3 of the WIPO-WTO Agreement (*Implementation of Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the Purposes of the TRIPS Agreement*).

Other Organizations

Association of International Librarians and Information Specialists (AILIS). In January 1996, a WIPO official attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of AILIS, held in Geneva.

Henri Desbois Intellectual Property Research Institute (IRPI). In January 1996, a WIPO official made a presentation on the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement at a Colloquium on the Community Trade Mark, organized by the above Institute in Paris.

International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property (AIPPI). In January 1996, the Director General and other WIPO officials held discussions at WIPO in Geneva with the Secretary General and three other officers of AIPPI on the Association's and WIPO's current activities.

International Literary and Artistic Association (ALAI). In January 1996, a WIPO official attended a session of the Executive Committee of ALAI, held in Paris.

Licensing Executives Society (LES). In January 1996, a WIPO official made a presentation on the WIPO Arbitration Center at the joint meeting of the LES International Expanded Executive Committee and of LES South Africa, held in Cape Town.

Miscellaneous News

Armenia. The Provisional Regulations on Trademarks and Service Marks of August 19, 1995 (adopted by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Armenia No. 4 of August 19, 1995, Adopting the Provisional Regulations on Trademarks and Service Marks, which entered into force on August 19, 1995), entered into force on December 19, 1995.

Japan. Ordinance No. 57 of June 27, 1995, Amending the Regulations Under the Patent Law, entered into force on July 1, 1995 (except for provi-

sions concerning post-grant opposition, which entered into force on January 1, 1996).

Spain. Instruction No. 2/1995 of December 30, 1995, of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office Implementing the TRIPS Agreement, entered into force on the same date.

Royal Decree No. 1123/1995 of July 3, 1995, Concerning the Application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty done in Washington on June 19, 1970, entered into force on September 7, 1995.

Trinidad and Tobago. The Patent (Amendment) Rules, 1995, entered into force on November 20, 1995.

Selected WIPO Publications

The following new publications¹ were issued by WIPO in January 1996:

¹ WIPO publications may be obtained from the Publications Sales and Distribution Unit, WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland (telex: 412 912 OMPI CH; fax: (41-22) 733 5428; telephone: (41-22) 730 9111).

Orders should indicate: (a) the number or letter code of the publication desired, the language (A for Arabic, E for English), the number of copies; (b) the full address for mailing; (c) the mail mode (surface or air). Prices cover surface mail.

Bank transfers should be made to WIPO account No. 487080-81, at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

Cupola Brochure (1996 edition), No. 417, 58 pages, free.

Industrial Property Protection in Central and Eastern Europe and in Central Asia (revised version), No. 732(E), 123 pages, 15 Swiss francs.

Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (in Arabic), No. 204(A), 66 pages, 15 Swiss francs.

Calendar of Meetings

WIPO Meetings

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

1996

April 29 to May 3 (Geneva)

PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters

The Committee will consider a proposal for the introduction of an optional supplementary international search for international applications, in addition to the present international search. In this connection, the Committee will examine a proposed modification of the time limit fixed in Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for entering the national phase of processing of international applications. The Committee will also consider proposed amendments of the Regulations under the PCT, in particular, to implement the supplementary international search system and to provide for a broader range of admitted languages for filing international applications.

Invitations: Members of the Committee (States party to the PCT and the European Patent Office) and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union not members of the PCT Union and certain organizations.

May 13 to 15 (Geneva)

WIPO Budget Committee (Fourteenth Session) and WIPO Premises Committee (Fifth Session)

The two Committees will consider, in a joint session, matters concerning WIPO's needs for new premises.

Invitations: States members of the Committees and, as observers, other States members of WIPO.

May 20 and 21 (Geneva)

Preparatory Committee of the WIPO Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions

The Committee will deal with the final clauses of the proposed treaty or treaties and with the procedural preparation of the Diplomatic Conference mentioned under December 2 to 20, below.

Invitations: As members: States members of WIPO, the European Communities; as observers: certain organizations.

May 21 and 22 (Geneva)

General Assembly of WIPO and the Assembly of the Berne Union

These two Bodies will, in extraordinary sessions, make decisions concerning the organization of the Diplomatic Conference mentioned under December 2 to 20, below.

Invitations: As delegations: States members of the said General Assembly and States members of the said Assembly, respectively; as observers: other States members of the United Nations, certain organizations.

May 22 to 24 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on a Possible Protocol to the Berne Convention (Seventh Session) and Committee of Experts on a Possible Instrument for the Protection of the Rights of Performers and Producers of Phonograms (Sixth Session)

The Committees will discuss various substantive law questions, particularly questions not so far discussed by them and which may be of relevance for the Diplomatic Conference mentioned under December 2 to 20, below.

Invitations: As members: States members of WIPO, the European Communities; as observers: certain organizations.

June 17 to 21 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on the Patent Law Treaty (Second Session)

The Committee of Experts will examine a draft Patent Law Treaty with draft Regulations and draft Model International Forms. These texts deal with the following aspects of patent procedure: application; representation; signature; filing date; unity of invention; request for recordal of change in name or address; request for recordal of change in ownership; request for correction of a mistake; opportunity to make observations, amendments and corrections

in case of intended refusal. The aim of the draft Treaty is to achieve a simplification of formalities which may be required in patent procedures.

Invitations: States members of the Paris Union and/or WIPO and, as observers, other States members of the United Nations and certain organizations.

June 24 to 27 (Geneva)

WIPO Permanent Committee for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property (Seventeenth Session)

The Committee will review and evaluate the activities carried out under the WIPO Permanent Program for Development Cooperation Related to Industrial Property since the Committee's last session (June 1994) and make recommendations on the future orientation of the said Program.

Invitations: States members of the Committee and, as observers, other States members of the United Nations and certain organizations.

July 1 to 5 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on the Settlement of Intellectual Property Disputes Between States

The Committee will continue the preparations for a possible treaty on the settlement of intellectual property disputes between States. In particular, the Committee will consider the question of the relationship between the dispute-settlement system to be established by the proposed Treaty and other dispute-settlement systems, including the dispute-settlement system established within the framework of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The WIPO Governing Bodies, at their 1996 sessions, will decide whether a Diplomatic Conference for the conclusion of a Treaty should be convened and, if so, when.

Invitations: States members of WIPO and States party to treaties administered by WIPO not members of WIPO and, as observers, certain organizations.

September 23 to October 2 (Geneva)

Governing Bodies of WIPO and the Unions Administered by WIPO (Twenty-Ninth Series of Meetings)

Some of the Governing Bodies will meet in ordinary session, others in extraordinary session.

Invitations: As members or observers (depending on the body), States members of WIPO or the Unions and, as observers, other States and certain organizations.

October 28 to 31 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on Well-Known Marks (Second Session)

The Committee will study questions concerning the application of Article 6bis of the Paris Convention (e.g., the criteria for determining whether a mark is well known) as well as the conditions and scope of protection of famous or well-known marks against dilution and/or undue exploitation of the goodwill acquired by such marks. Moreover, it will study the feasibility of setting up, under the ægis of WIPO, a voluntary international information network for the exchange of information among countries concerning marks that may be considered to be well known or famous.

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.

November 4 to 8 (Geneva)

Committee of Experts on the Development of the Hague Agreement (Sixth Session)

The Committee will consider a revised draft new Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs intended to introduce into the Hague system provisions designed to encourage States not yet party to the Agreement to participate in the system and to facilitate greater use of the system by applicants.

Invitations: States members of the Hague Union and, as observers, States members of the Paris Union or of WIPO not members of the Hague Union and certain organizations.

December 2 to 20 (venue?)

WIPO Diplomatic Conference on Certain Copyright and Neighboring Rights Questions

The Diplomatic Conference will be convened to adopt one or more multilateral treaties on the basis of the work of the two Committees of Experts mentioned under the dates of May 22 to 24, above.

Invitations: As delegations: States members of WIPO, the European Communities; as observers: States not members of WIPO but members of the United Nations, certain organizations.

UPOV Meetings

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

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October 16 to 18 (Geneva)

Technical Committee

Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

October 21 and 22 (Geneva)

Administrative and Legal Committee

Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental organizations.

October 23 (Geneva)

Consultative Committee (Fifty-Second Session)

Invitations: Member States of UPOV.

October 24 (Geneva)

Council (Thirtieth Ordinary Session)

Invitations: Member States of UPOV and, as observers, certain non-member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.