

**Council for Trade-Related Aspects  
of Intellectual Property Rights**

**EXTENSION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD UNDER ARTICLE 66.1 OF THE TRIPS  
AGREEMENT FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRY MEMBERS FOR CERTAIN  
OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS**

Decision of the Council for TRIPS of 27 June 2002

The Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (the "Council for TRIPS"),

*Having regard to* paragraph 1 of Article 66 of the TRIPS Agreement;

*Having regard to* the instruction of the Ministerial Conference to the Council for TRIPS contained in paragraph 7 of the Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health (WT/MIN(01)/DEC/2) (the "Declaration");

*Considering that* paragraph 7 of the Declaration constitutes a duly motivated request by the least-developed country Members for an extension of the period under paragraph 1 of Article 66 of the TRIPS Agreement;

*Decides* as follows:

1. Least-developed country Members will not be obliged, with respect to pharmaceutical products, to implement or apply Sections 5 and 7 of Part II of the TRIPS Agreement or to enforce rights provided for under these Sections until 1 January 2016.
  2. This decision is made without prejudice to the right of least-developed country Members to seek other extensions of the period provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 66 of the TRIPS Agreement.
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