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TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM OTHER
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Addendum

World Customs Organization

At its meeting of 24 May 1995, the Council for TRIPS agreed to request certain intergovernmental organizations to provide information on their technical and financial cooperation programmes in the area of intellectual property relevant to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement (IP/C/M/2, paragraph 53).

By means of a letter, dated 23 August 1995, the Secretariat of the World Customs Organization has communicated the following information in response to this request.

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1. The WCO Council, at its annual sessions in June, adopted the model legislation which, in draft form, had been made available to the Council for TRIPS (IP/C/W/1). This model legislation will assist countries in the preparation of national laws and regulations on the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights.
 2. The WCO's joint Customs/business IPR sub-group has proposed the following training activities:
 - participation in an EC-ASEAN Workshop on IPR enforcement for senior Customs officials, in Thailand (27 November - 1 December 1995);
 - a Japanese-funded IPR enforcement seminar for Customs from each of the WCO's members in the Asia/Pacific Region, in Asia (early 1996); and
 - an in-country Customs training seminar in an Eastern-European country, (May 1996).