

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

**PROTOCOL AMENDING THE TRIPS AGREEMENT –
STATUS OF ACCEPTANCES**

Note from the Secretariat

1. At its meeting in October 2006, the Council requested the Secretariat to prepare a note on the status of acceptances of the Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement attached to the General Council Decision on the Amendment of the TRIPS Agreement of 6 December 2005 (WT/L/641). At its meeting in February 2007, the Chair of the TRIPS Council said that the Secretariat would update the note periodically. Pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Decision, the Protocol attached to it has been submitted to Members and is open for acceptance until 1 December 2007 or such later date as may be decided by the Ministerial Conference. In accordance with Article X:3 of the WTO Agreement, the Protocol will enter into force upon acceptance by two thirds of the WTO Members.

2. To date, the following seven Members have notified the acceptance of the Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement:

- United States, 17 December 2005, WT/Let/506;
 - Switzerland, 13 September 2006, WT/Let/547;
 - El Salvador, 19 September 2006, WT/Let/548;
 - Republic of Korea, 24 January 2007, WT/Let/558;
 - Norway, 5 February 2007, WT/Let/563;
 - India, 26 March 2007, WT/Let/572; and
 - Philippines, 30 March 2007, WT/Let/573.
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