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NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE AGREEMENT

LATVIA

Addendum

By means of communications from its Permanent Mission, dated 15 and 22 July 1999, Latvia has complemented its initial notification (see document IP/N/1/LVA/1), by notifying "other laws and regulations"¹ under Article 63.2 of the Agreement, as listed below.

¹ According to the procedures for the notification of laws and regulations under Article 63.2 (document IP/C/2), texts of "other laws and regulations" are, normally, not circulated in WTO documents. Copies of these laws and regulations are available in the WTO Secretariat for consultation by interested delegations.

OTHER LAWS AND REGULATIONS

TITLE DATE OF ADOPTION ENTRY INTO FORCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
<p>Information Publicity Law, adopted 29.10.1998, entry into force 20.11.1998.</p>	<p>The Law contains provisions on access to information of public authorities by public.</p>
<p>Civil Procedures Law, adopted 14.10.1998, entry into force 01.03.1999.</p>	<p>The Law establishes the basic procedures for civil judicial proceedings, including provisions concerning protection of intellectual property rights.</p>
<p>Law on Judicial Power, adopted 15.12.1992, entry into force 01.01.1993.</p>	<p>The Law together with the subsequent amendments establishes the judicial system in Latvia and other issues concerning judicial power.</p>
<p>Administrative Offences Code, adopted 07.12.1984, entry into force 01.07.1985.</p>	<p>The Code together with subsequent amendments establishes the basic procedures for administrative proceedings and determines ability on administrative offences as far as it concerns intellectual property rights as well.</p>
<p>Criminal Law, adopted 17.06.1998, entry into force 01.04.1999.</p>	<p>The Law determines ability on criminal offences, including offences in the field of intellectual property rights.</p>
<p>Criminal Procedures Code, adopted 06.01.1961, entry into force 01.04. 1961.</p>	<p>The Code together with subsequent amendments establishes the basic procedures for criminal proceedings.</p>