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

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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM
OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

Addendum

At its meeting of 13 June 2017, the Council for TRIPS agreed to invite intergovernmental organization observers to the Council to update the information on their technical and financial cooperation programmes relating to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

The present document reproduces the information which has been received from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) by means of a communication dated 27 September 2017.

While the OECD undertakes a range of activities relating to intellectual property rights (IPRs) and relevant to the TRIPS Agreement, we have not separately targeted implementation of the Agreement as a specific focus for technical co-operation. The OECD does not operate financial cooperation programmes related to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

Please find here below several projects underway or recently completed that may be of interest as they touch upon TRIPS-related topics:

1 TRADE-RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

1.1. Trade in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods: A study was conducted under the OECD Task Force on Counterfeit Illicit Trade which is a part of the OECD High Level Risk Forum. A report "Trade in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods: Mapping the Economic Impact" was published on 16 April 2016 and is available here: <https://www.oecd.org/governance/trade-in-counterfeit-and-pirated-goods-9789264252653-en.htm>. The report is built on two policy concerns. The first is the impact of crime and illicit trade activities on good governance, public safety and the rule of law. The second is the negative effect that counterfeit trade has on legitimate competitive advantage of rights holders, and consequently on innovation, employment and long-term economic growth.

1.2. The OECD, together with the EUIPO, also recently published a report on "Mapping the real routes of trade in fake goods". This study looks at the issue of the complex routes of trade in counterfeit pirated goods. Using a set of statistical filters, it identifies key producing economies and key transit points. The analysis is done for ten main sectors for which counterfeiting is the key threat. The results will facilitate tailoring policy responses to strengthen governance frameworks to tackle this risk, depending on the profile of a given economy that is known as a source of counterfeit goods in international trade. The paper is available here: <http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/docserver/download/4217301e.pdf?expires=1506518678&id=id&accname=ocid84004878&checksum=813AFFE0F6691E16F7FE5BBB2F5C56A5>

2 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY:

2.1. The importance and pervasiveness of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) is widely acknowledged, but assessing the extent to which they shape economies and societies requires robust measurement. The OECD has worked for some time on identifying and typifying ICT-related technologies, and in early 2017 published a proposed definition of ICTs that relies on the technology classes of the International Patent Classification (IPC) in which patents are classified. See Inaba, T. and M. Squicciarini (2017), "ICT: A new taxonomy based on the international patent classification", *OECD Science, Technology and Industry Working Papers*, No. 2017/01, OECD Publishing, Paris. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/ab16c396-en>.

2.2. The OECD has a range of work underway concerning methodology and database development related to patent statistics. A conference on Intellectual Property Statistics for Decision Makers (IPSDM) will take place on 14-15 November 2017 in Mexico City, co-organised by the OECD, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Key topics to be discussed at this event include: IP and the digital transformation of economies and societies; IP, big data and Artificial Intelligence (AI); IP and Industry 4.0: which role?; IP and trade: the role of intellectual property in global value chains; and IP bundles, strategic behaviours and competition in global and digital markets. Further information on OECD intellectual property statistics-related work can be found here: oe.cd/ipstats.

2.3. A report entitled the "World Corporate Top R&D Investors: Industrial Property Strategies in the Digital Economy", focusing on the IP activities of top corporate R&D investors worldwide will be launched in Seville on 27 September 2017. The work was conducted jointly by the OECD and the European Commission Joint Research Centre. It will be available online following publication and the underlying data can be obtained on request.

2.4. Further information on OECD activities related to intellectual property rights in the fields of science, technology and industry can be found on the OECD web site at <http://www.oecd.org/sti/ipr>. Recent work covers such issues as the OECD Patent Database, patent quality and collaborative mechanisms for intellectual property management in the life sciences

3 TRADE SECRETS:

3.1. The OECD Paper "Uncovering Trade Secrets - An Empirical Assessment of Economic Implications of Protection for Undisclosed Data" takes stock of the protection of trade secrets for a sample of 37 countries, provides historical data for the period since 1985, and considers the relationship of the stringency of the protection of trade secrets to relevant economic performance indicators. The paper finds that there has been a notable increase in the stringency of trade secrets protection in a broad sample of countries during the period from 1985 to 2010. The paper also finds a positive association between the stringency of trade secrets protection and key indicators of innovation and international economic flows. This document is available here: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/trade/uncovering-trade-secrets-an-empirical-assessment-of-economic-implications-of-protection-for-undisclosed-data_5jxz15w3j3s6-en.
