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

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

REPUBLIC OF KOREA: UNFAIR COMPETITION PREVENTION
AND TRADE SECRET PROTECTION ACT

Notifying Member	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Unfair Competition Prevention and Trade Secret Protection Act
Subject matter	Undisclosed information
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/KOR/24_01312_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/KOR/32
Brief description of the notified legal text	
Amendments were made on definitions of Act of unfair competition. 1. The act of using a mark similar or identical to another person's product mark or business mark, which is widely recognized in the country, is not regarded as unfair competition if it is used without any improper purpose. It aims to protect usage in good faith. 2. Additional provisions are established to allow requests for making an indication to differentiate the source of a product or business as a measure to prevent misunderstanding or confusion.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	29 September 2023
Other date	

Notification details

Submission date of notification	22 January 2024
Other information	The latest and previous texts are available at: https://elaw.klri.re.kr/kor_service/lawView.do?hseq=62546&lang=ENG
Agency or authority responsible	Korean Intellectual Property Office Email: kipomla@korea.kr

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