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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 7/2003 of our Newsletter «Legal Information». We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. TRIPS-Agreement and Public Health

Switzerland applauds the WTO decision to improve access to medicines.

Press release, September 1 2003, pdf 64 KB

in French: http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/pdf/Pressemitteilung_WTO_03-09-01_F.pdf

in German: http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/pdf/Pressemitteilung_WTO_03-09-01_D.pdf

2. August 19, 2003: Press releases in preparation for the upcoming WTO Ministerial Conference in Cancún, Mexico, September 10-14

The general state of negotiations, as well as Switzerland's position on the protection of geographical indications, on Para. 6 of the WTO Doha Ministerial Declaration regarding the TRIPS Agreement and public health, as well as on bio-piracy.

WTO-Workshop, geographical indications in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/pdf/j110108d.pdf>

WTO-Workshop, geographical indications in French: <http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/pdf/j110108f.pdf>

WTO-Workshop, Para. 6 in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/pdf/j110106d.pdf>

WTO-Workshop, Para. 6 in French: <http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/pdf/j110106f.pdf>

WTO-Workshop, bio-piracy in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/pdf/j110107d.pdf>

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3. Article published in Le Temps of 5 September 2003

Article published in Le Temps of 5 September 2003, p. 18: "Les médicaments bon marché ne suffiront pas à améliorer la santé dans les pays pauvres".

Article in French : http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/pdf/Article_Le_Temps_03_09_05.pdf

4. WTO reaches agreement on easier access to cheap drugs for developing countries

For further information: <http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j110106.htm>

5. Court Judgment in Document Falsification Case

The criminal court in Chaux-de-Fonds sentenced a man on June 13, 2003 to 6 months prison because of document falsification. The accused falsified Institute documents with the intension of making a business partner believe that he had registered ten trademarks in the partner's name and that the partner thus owed him a large amount of money. The partner notified the Institute of this and the Institute decided to privately file suit against the man as well. The Institute is clearly against such activities as they damage the Institute's reputation and go against the best interests of customers. It will file criminal charges whenever it learns of a case of document falsification. There is a similar case pending before a court in another canton at the moment.

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Yours sincerely,

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