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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 1/2005 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. WTO/Geographical indications

On 10 December 2004, Switzerland and other WTO Member States, among them several developing countries, presented a new communication to the General Council of the WTO aimed at assisting the consultations of the Director General on the extension of the additional protection for geographical indications to all products. Requested by the decision of the General Council of 1 August 2004, these consultations must allow to conclude the work on extension in order for Members to decide on appropriate action by July 2005: <http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j104.shtm>.

2. The latest report of the federal Council on Parallel Imports of Patented Products is now on the Net

The report of the Federal Council adopted on the problem of exhaustion of patent rights is now available on the Internet. It is recalled that the report answers postulate number 03.3423 of the National Council Commission for Economic Affairs and Taxation (CEAT). It draws the conclusion that it is for the time being not desirable to initiate negotiations with the European Union (EU) in view of applying a bilateral regional exhaustion of patents with it. The Federal Council proposes to maintain the national exhaustion of patents, whilst regulating the problem of ancillary rights in the Patent law, which is currently being revised.

Report in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10022d.pdf>

Report in French: <http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10022f.pdf>

Annexes to the report in German: <http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10023d.pdf>

Annexes to the report in French: <http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10023f.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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