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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 9/2005 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Legal opinion

Legal opinion in French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10029f.pdf>) on the compatibility of the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) with the obligation to declare the source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in patent applications.

2. Adequate patent protection for inventions in the field of biotechnology

At its session of November 23, 2005 the Federal Council adopted the legislative message on the revision of the patent law. The revision adapts the patent law to the technological progress and the international developments of the past years. Its main focus is to ensure an adequate patent protection for inventions in the field of biotechnology. This revision is the second part of three of the patent law revision. See the press release in

German(<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10040d.pdf>), French

(<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10040f.pdf>) or Italian

(<http://www.ige.ch/I/jurinfo/documents/j10040i.pdf>) and consultation documentation

(<http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j100.shtm#a03>).

3. FAQ regarding top-level domain (TLD) .eu

The “.eu” top-level domain (TLD), which enables businesses, public bodies and individuals established in the EU to choose a pan-European Internet name for their web sites and e-mail addresses, has opened for business on 7 December 2005. FAQ providing Swiss persons and enterprises with useful information are available on the website of the Institute:

<http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j106.shtm>.

4. Madrid System – Partial Revision

Switzerland participated in the WIPO ad hoc Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks along with other member countries of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (PCU) July 4-8, 2005. The topic of

discussion was a partial revision of the Madrid System. For more information:
<http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j1100.shtm#a5>.

5. WTO TRIPS Agreement: Member States adopt amendment to improve access to affordable medicines for developing countries

In the run-up to the 6th WTO-Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong, the 149 Members of the WTO agreed on December 6, 2005 on an amendment of the WTO TRIPS Agreement in order to improve access to affordable medicines for developing countries facing a serious public health problem. For more information: <http://www.ige.ch/E/jurinfo/j1101.shtm>.

6. Swiss Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Platform

The Swiss Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Platform has been officially launched November 9, 2005 at a seminar. Click here for the programme in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10719d.pdf>) and the press release in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10720d.pdf>).

7. Holiday Hours 2005

The Institute will be closed on
Monday, December 27, 2005
Monday, January 2, 2006

Between December 27 - 30 we are open as usual (8:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00).
As of January 3, 2006, our regular opening hours apply.

Season's greetings and a happy New Year.

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