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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 11/2006 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Parallel imports excluded from the on-going patent law revision

On November 22, 2006 the Federal Council agreed to a motion by the National Council Committee for Legal Affairs to submit the issue of exhaustion under the patent law as a detached item to parliament before the end of 2007. This will clear the way for the revision which focuses on biotechnology and genetic inventions. Media release in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10042d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10042f.pdf>) and Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/I/jurinfo/documents/j10042i.pdf>).

2. Effective legal protection and competent advice in patent matters

At its session of November 29, 2006, the Federal Council instituted a public consultation regarding a federal patent court law and a patent attorney law. These laws aim at eliminating the weaknesses of the legal protection and of the advisory services in patent matters in order to strengthen Switzerland as place of innovation. This bill is the third section of the patent law revision. The public consultation will end March 30, 2007. See the press release in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10043d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10043f.pdf>) or Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/I/jurinfo/documents/j10043i.pdf>). Public consultation documents available for downloading in German (<http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/gg/pc/pending.html#EJPD>).

3. Revision of the Trademarks Guidelines for January 1, 2007

The Institute has updated its trademark guidelines to conform with the latest developments particularly taking current judicature and changed legislative provisions into account. In particular, the revised fee ordinance, the changes in the administrative procedures act (VwVG) as well as other law and ordinance changes in the area of trademarks should be mentioned. A few editorial changes were also made. The revised guidelines in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/j10102.shtm>) or French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/j10102.shtm>) go into effect January 1, 2007 and will apply to all pending procedures.

4. Intergovernmental Committee of WIPO

The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee was held in Geneva, November 30th-December 8th 2006. Report of the Swiss delegation in French

(<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10504f.pdf>) and official documents
(http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=11222).

Season's greetings and a happy New Year.

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