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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 1/2007 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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### 1. The Council of States approves the revision of the copyright act

19.12.2006. The Council of States, in its role as the foremost legislative body, gave its approval to amend the legislative message to ratify two World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) treaties and the partial revision of the copyright act. It adhered to the majority of the Committee for Legal Affairs in all points and subsequently followed the Federal Council with few exceptions.

(Debates in German/French:

[http://www.parlament.ch/ab/frameset/d/s/4715/236180/d\\_s\\_4715\\_236180\\_236262.htm](http://www.parlament.ch/ab/frameset/d/s/4715/236180/d_s_4715_236180_236262.htm); Dossiers in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10311d.pdf>) / French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10311f.pdf>.)

### 2. National Council approves patent law revision

20.12.2006. The National Council, in its role as premier legislative body, gave its approval to amend the patent law and passed the patent law treaty (including the execution regulations) in a vote of 110 against 51 with 25 abstentions. It adhered to the majority of the Committee for Legal Affairs in all points and subsequently followed the Federal Council with few exceptions. (Debates in German/French:

[http://www.parlament.ch/ab/frameset/d/n/4715/236568/d\\_n\\_4715\\_236568\\_236569.htm](http://www.parlament.ch/ab/frameset/d/n/4715/236568/d_n_4715_236568_236569.htm); Dossiers in German (<http://www.ige.ch/D/jurinfo/documents/j10044d.pdf>) / French (<http://www.ige.ch/F/jurinfo/documents/j10044f.pdf>.)

### 3. Optimized Searches with sic! online

You can now find an overview of all the editorial contributions and court decisions which have been published in sic! – the journal for intellectual property, information, and competition law—since 1997 at <http://www.sic-online.ch>. The newly optimized search function can perform much more narrow searches: keywords or word groups, within individual rubrics, certain quotes, or within a defined time span ([http://www.sic-online.ch/search/search\\_d.shtml](http://www.sic-online.ch/search/search_d.shtml)).

The layout has also been newly designed and provides users with a better overview.

### 4. STOP PIRACY launched

"STOP PIRACY," the public awareness campaign by the Swiss Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Platform was launched Tuesday, January 16, 2007, as part of a press conference in Zurich. More information about the event and the topic can be found at <http://www.stop-piracy.ch/en/>.

Yours sincerely,

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