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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 2/2009 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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### **1. Entry into force of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks and an amendment to the Trademark Protection Ordinance**

Following the ratification of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (Singapore TLT) of 27 March 2006 by Australia as the tenth country on 16 December 2008, the treaty came into force with effect from 16 March 2009 for the following countries: Australia, Bulgaria, Denmark, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Moldavia, Romania, Switzerland, Singapore and the United States of America. For more information :

<http://www.ige.ch/e/jurinfo/j1100.shtm#a06>.

### **2. Parliament approves bills**

Parliament completed its consultation on the drafts of the Patent Court Act (in German <http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/ff/2009/2023.pdf>, French <http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/ff/2009/1735.pdf> or Italian <http://www.admin.ch/ch/i/ff/2009/1683.pdf>) and the Patent Attorney Act (in German <http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/ff/2009/2013.pdf>, French <http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/ff/2009/1725.pdf> or Italian <http://www.admin.ch/ch/i/ff/2009/1673.pdf>) during its spring session. The acts, which aim at assuring qualified counsel in patent matters and high-quality jurisprudence in patent litigation, were both approved with few variations from the bills passed by the Federal Council. In brief, the bills establish a certification for the title of patent attorney and a new federal patent court to hear civil patent litigation. See the final approval text (Patent Attorney Act, Patent Court Act).

### **3. Better protection for 'Made in Switzerland' designations and the Swiss Cross also for food products**

The Federal Council has decided at its meeting today that the legislation project "Swissness" should also include food products thereby defining the principles that are to be implemented in the legislative message. The 'Swissness' amendments aim to strengthen the protection of "Switzerland" and the Swiss cross as an indication of source, both domestically and abroad, thus maintaining the value of the Swiss label for the future. Media release in German (<http://www.ige.ch/d/jurinfo/documents/j10818.d.pdf>), French (<http://www.ige.ch/f/jurinfo/documents/j10818f.pdf>) and Italian (<http://www.ige.ch/i/jurinfo/documents/j10818i.pdf>) and more information: <http://www.ige.ch/e/jurinfo/j108.shtm>.

### **4. ACTA: Overview of the current status of key elements under discussion published**

Participants in negotiations on the Anti-counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) have published a detailed overview of the content and current status of key elements under discussion. The paper (<http://www.ige.ch/e/jurinfo/documents/j1070401e.pdf>) contains background information as well as information on the objectives and structure of the planned agreement. It was drafted with considerable input from Switzerland. The elements currently under discussion are presented under the individual chapter titles in the agreement text.

Negotiations for the anti-counterfeiting trade agreement have been going on since June 2008. The next round of negotiations is planned for May or June of this year in Morocco.

Yours sincerely,

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