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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith no. 4/2009 of our Newsletter "Legal Information". We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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1. Regional exhaustion of patent rights

The Federal Council has decided at its meeting today to put the amendment of the Patent Act with regards to the question of exhaustion into force as of 1 July 2009. On 19 December 2008, parliament decided that the principle of unilateral (i.e. without establishing a reciprocal agreement) regional exhaustion in relationship to European Economic Area member states should be applied. See the press release in German

(https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/d/medienmitteilungen/mm_patg_erschoepfung_20090529_d.pdf), French

(https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/f/communiqués_presse/mm_patg_erschoepfung_20090529_f.pdf) or Italian

(https://www.ige.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Juristische_Infos/i/comunicato_stampa/mm_patg_erschoepfung_20090529_i.pdf).

2. STOP PIRACY wishes you an authentic holiday!

Swiss Customs has been confiscating counterfeited goods from travelers—mostly handbags, clothing, medicines and watches—since July 2008. To increase traveler awareness of the risks and dangers behind counterfeited items, the STOP PIRACY Association is carrying out an education campaign at the Zurich International Airport from July 1 – 7, 2009. Media release: http://www.stop-piracy.ch/en/news/documents/Medienmitteilung_09-06-23_e.pdf.

3. Swiss-Kenyan Project on Geographical Indications (SKGI) has been launched

The Swiss-Kenyan Project on Geographical Indications (SKGI) was officially launched with the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Swiss and the Kenyan IP offices during an awareness raising workshop in Nairobi on 14 May 2008. The project's main objective is to support the establishment of a functional protection system for geographical indications in Kenya that should contribute to the economic success of Kenyan products by giving them the opportunity to fill new market niches and to achieve higher profits across the entire value-chain. For more information: <https://www.ige.ch/en/legal-info/international-cooperation/country-specific-projects/kenia.html>.

4. 18. Session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights

The WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) met from 25 – 29 May 2009. After years of completely blocked talks, a more constructive atmosphere could be achieved during the last two sessions. More: <https://www.ige.ch/en/legal-info/legal-areas/copyright/international.html>.

Yours sincerely,

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