Involvement of the IPI

Nationally and internationally

Counterfeiting and piracy affects all sectors and doesn't stop at national borders. National and international cooperation is required to successfully tackle it. The Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) is committed to fighting counterfeiting and piracy both domestically and within international organisations.

Nationally

STOP PIRACY is the Swiss anti-counterfeiting and piracy platform. As a founding member of this association, the IPI plays an important role in this field. It was founded in 2005 and is a public-private partnership made up of members from the public administration and the private sector. It works to raise public awareness of the risks and background of counterfeiting and piracy, and is committed to facilitating cooperation between industry and public authorities.

Internationally

In the fight against counterfeiting and piracy, Switzerland is actively involved in numerous international organisations that deal with enforcing intellectual property rights. These include:

- The Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO ACE)
- The Council of the WTO (World Trade Organization) that deals with trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights (WTO TRIPS Council)
- The Interpol Intellectual Property Crime Action Group (IIPCAG)
- The UN’s UNECE Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (UNECE ToS IP)
- The United Nations Crime Research Institute (UNICRI)
The Informal Advisory Group on Counterfeiting and Piracy within the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

The OECD’s Task Force on Charting Illicit Trade

The International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce (IMPACT) run by the World Health Organization

The European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Right

EU measures to combat counterfeiting and piracy

- Directive of 29 April 2004 on the enforcement of intellectual property rights
- Regulation No. 608/2013 concerning customs enforcement of intellectual property rights and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1383/2003 (EU Regulation of 12 June 2013; Regulation on border seizures)
- Regulation on entrusting the Office for Harmonisation in the internal market with tasks related to the enforcement of intellectual property rights, including the assembling of public and private-sector representatives as a European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights (EU Regulation no. 386/2012 of 19 April 2012)

DOCUMENTS & LINKS

- Swiss Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Platform