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1.1 Text of Article 69

Article 69

International Cooperation

Members agree to cooperate with each other with a view to eliminating international trade in goods infringing intellectual property rights. For this purpose, they shall establish and notify contact points in their administrations and be ready to exchange information on trade in infringing goods. They shall, in particular, promote the exchange of information and cooperation between customs authorities with regard to trade in counterfeit trademark goods and pirated copyright goods.

1.2 Notification requirements

1. At its meeting of 21 September 1995, the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Council for TRIPS) adopted a common procedure for the notification of contact points that Members had established for the purposes of Article 69 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement).¹ Members may use the e-TRIPS Submission System to notify contact points in their administration for the purpose of cooperating with each other and eliminating trade in infringing goods, and the e-TRIPS Gateway to access notifications by Members.²

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¹ <u>IP/C/M/3</u>, para. 27.

² The e-TRIPS Submission System and e-TRIPS Gateway are available at

<u>https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/etrips_e.htm</u>. These notifications are being circulated in <u>IP/N/3/*</u> document series.