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Agreement in Principle on the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA)

Participants in ACTA Negotiations Agreed in Principle

The 11th and final round of the negotiations for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) was concluded in Tokyo, Japan on October 2, 2010. Participants in the negotiations include Australia, Canada, the EU, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and the United States.

ACTA proposes to establish international standards on intellectual property rights enforcement on a plurilateral basis. It contemplates a new international legal framework to respond to the increase in the global trade of counterfeit goods and pirated copyright protected works.

Draft Text of ACTA Released

Participants in the negotiations produced a consolidated and largely finalized text of the proposed agreement. They agreed to resolve the small number of outstanding issues to finalize the text of the agreement as soon as possible.

The latest draft of ACTA includes provisions on:

- the enforcement of intellectual property rights, including provisions on civil, criminal, and border enforcement measures;
- cooperation mechanisms among ACTA parties for their enforcement; and
- the establishment of best practices for effective intellectual property rights enforcement.

Click [here](#) to view the consolidated draft text of ACTA released on 6 October 2010.