

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF INDIA
AND
THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF SWITZERLAND

ON THE SUBJECT OF

THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF INDIA AND THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF SWITZERLAND HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland have agreed to establish a Joint Working Group to study the possibilities of increasing trade and economic cooperation between India and Switzerland.

2. The Joint Working Group shall be composed of representatives of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland.

3. The Joint Working Group shall meet in India or in Switzerland at the invitation of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India or the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland.

4. The Joint Working Group shall submit a report to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland on the results of its work.

5. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland shall take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations of the Joint Working Group.

6. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland shall keep each other informed of the progress of their work.

7. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland shall take the necessary steps to facilitate the work of the Joint Working Group.

8. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland shall take the necessary steps to promote trade and economic cooperation between India and Switzerland.

9. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland shall take the necessary steps to increase trade and economic cooperation between India and Switzerland.

10. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Federal Department of Economic Affairs of Switzerland shall take the necessary steps to increase trade and economic cooperation between India and Switzerland.

9. Discuss strategies aimed at preventing the manufacture, distribution, sale and consumption of counterfeit and pirated products as well as at raising public awareness of the damages caused by counterfeit and pirated products;
10. Exchange of experience and dialogue on cooperation in the area of protection of geographical indications;
11. Exchange of experience and dialogue on cooperation in the area of protection of traditional knowledge.

Article 2

The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India and the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property are in charge of the implementation of this memorandum.

Other government agencies shall participate in the meetings of the Joint Committee and contribute with their know-how to the dialogue depending on the topics on the agenda.

Representatives of industry and business associations may participate in the meetings upon invitation and contribute with their know-how and practical experience to the discussion and the work of the Joint Committee.

Article 3

The Joint Committee shall meet once a year in India or Switzerland alternately.

Article 4

The topics to be addressed by the Joint Committee shall be determined on a yearly basis between the Parties. The Joint Committee shall report regularly about the dialogue and the work undertaken to the respective Ministries.

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Article 5

The present memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature. It can be denounced, with previous notice to the minimum ahead of time, at any time by one or the other or both parties.

In witness whereof, the respective representatives of the two Governments have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in New Delhi on 27th August 2007 in two originals in the English language.

For the Ministry of Commerce
and Industry of India

For the Department of Economic
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