



COPI S Interaction with the Enforcement Database

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What is COPIIS ?

COPIIS (Anti-Counterfeit and Anti-Piracy System) is an information exchange system for all customs actions related to IPR enforcement at the EU external border.

Purpose : Improve cooperation and sharing of information in the area of IPR protection.

Legal base: New Regulation that will replace Regulation (EC) No 1383/2003.

System will be operational in Summer 2013.



Advantages of COPIS (1)

- Central management of the lifecycle of right holders' applications for action by customs and the information on identified infringements at the border.
- Enables interaction with other systems in the same secured CCN/CSI network (e.g. EORI)
- Information exchange in a pre-defined format between national customs and the Commission.

Note that right holders will not submit information to the COPIS system.

Advantages of COPIS (2)

- Manage the exchange of information between the competent customs departments of the MS;
- Receive the data provided by the MS;
- Store the data at a central level;
- Dispatch the information;
- Provide statistical reports.

OHIM Enforcement Database

- Database contains **HIGHLY SENSITIVE** information about EU Designs and Trade Marks and how fakes can be identified.
- Useful information to Customs in its fight against goods infringing IPR.





Connection of Enforcement Database with COPIS

- The possible connection of the OHIM Enforcement Database with CCN/CSI is under analysis.
- Where are we?
 - Technically possible
 - Requires agreement between DG TAXUD and OHIM,
 - 6-9 months to implement
 - Costs of acquisition and installation + yearly maintenance

Other issues at stake

- Data protection and security concerns need to be addressed.
- Need to clarify requirements in terms of
 - volume (number of users and volume of traffic)
 - accessibility (integrity, availability).



Thank you!

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