

The Honorable Lyudmila A. Novoselova  
Presiding Judge, Court on Intellectual Property Rights  
13 Mashkova str.  
Moscow, Russia

**Date: September 13, 2013**

**Re: Commendation of the Implementation of Specialized Court on IP Rights**

Dear Judge Novoselova:

On behalf of the International Trademark Association (INTA), I would like to congratulate you on the development and implementation of the Russian Federation's new Court on Intellectual Property Rights.

INTA is a not-for-profit membership association of more than 5,900 trademark owners and professional firms from more than 190 countries, 52 of which are in the Russian Federation. The Association was founded in 1878 and is dedicated to the support and advancement of trademarks and related intellectual property as elements of fair and effective national and international commerce. INTA members share common interests in the protection of trademarks and the development of trademark law, and they rely on INTA to represent and advocate for those interests with national governments and international organizations. INTA's diverse membership includes multinational corporations and other business enterprises of all sizes, intellectual property and general practice law firms, trademark agent firms, service firms, trademark consultants, law students and academic institutions.

At a time when counterfeiting and other violations of intellectual property rights pose serious challenges worldwide, INTA believes that the creation of dedicated intellectual property judiciaries through the education and training of judges in intellectual property matters is essential to providing quick but equitable resolutions and remedies to address IP infringement at all levels. INTA commends you for your progressive steps in creating this specialized Court and hope you will find it effective in increasing enforcement of intellectual property laws.

INTA applauds the Russian Federation's decision to expand the specialized Court beyond patent matters to encompass other forms of intellectual property such as trademarks. The enforcement of trademark rights is integral to protecting consumers' health and safety and enabling consumers to make informed purchasing decisions. Moreover, counterfeiting is an international problem that affects many types of

products - from luxury goods to consumer goods, medicines and electronics. Counterfeit products infiltrate legitimate markets and supply chains, harming national economies, posing threats to health and safety of the public, and compromising international security. Recent reports estimate that the impact of counterfeit (and pirated) goods worldwide is as much as 20066.93 billion Russian rubles.

The establishment of Russia's Specialized Intellectual Property Court will serve as a model for other countries as a way to improve the enforcement of intellectual property rights. We encourage you to continue to develop the Court and educate your judiciary on intellectual property matters in order to ensure that they are equipped to make timely and informed decisions. We also highly recommend that, given their importance to Russia's economic growth, trademark cases be afforded sufficient resources and attention to ensure effective and timely legal action against infringers.

For your consideration, we have enclosed several Resolutions and Guidelines setting forth INTA's policy positions and recommendations on the adjudication of trademark rights. We hope that you find these materials useful as the Court continues to develop jurisprudence and to enforce trademark rights.

Should there be an opportunity for INTA to work with you on these important issues, we would welcome scheduling a meeting between officials within your department and INTA representatives. If we can be of assistance or if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact INTA staff, including Claudio DiGangi, External Relationship Manager, Internet & the Judiciary, Claudio Di Gangi ([cdigangi@inta.org](mailto:cdigangi@inta.org) +1(212)642-1720; Kathryne Badura, External Relations Coordinator for Enforcement ([kbadura@inta.org](mailto:kbadura@inta.org); +1(212)642-1754) or the following INTA member delegates located in Russia: Eugene Arieivich ([Eugene.Arieivich@bakermckenzie.com](mailto:Eugene.Arieivich@bakermckenzie.com) ; +7 495 787 2700) and Pavel Gorokhov from Baker & McKenzie, CIS Limited ([Pavel.Gorokhov@bakermckenzie.com](mailto:Pavel.Gorokhov@bakermckenzie.com) ; +7 495 787 2700).

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