

Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications

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UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL NONPROPRIETARY NAMES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SUBSTANCES (INNs)

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1. During the fortieth session of the SCT, the Secretariat informed the Committee about the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), concerning the exchange of International Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances (INN) data. This agreement enables the integration of available INN data into the WIPO Global Brand Database (GBD).
2. Accordingly, it is now possible to search INN names in the GBD, by “Text” value, from the following page: <https://www.wipo.int/branddb/> and to browse those names by choosing to filter by “Source: WHO INN” from the same page.
3. Anyone consulting the INN records in the GBD will be able to access additional details of those records from a link to the relevant page of the WHO website. When accessing INN data, users will receive a WHO notification concerning the applicable use conditions.
4. *The SCT is invited to note the content of the present document.*

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