11/05/2014 Events

In the period 27-31 October 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was held the tenth session of the Working Group on the Development of the Lisbon System for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration.

The session was attended by representatives of 21 Member States of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration (hereinafter referred to as the Lisbon Agreement), 36 states as observers, five intergovernmental organizations and 10 nongovernmental organizations.

The work of the session was focused on the following documents: *Draft Revised Lisbon Agreement* (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement), *Draft Regulations under the Agreement* and explanatory notes on these two documents.

Said projects include the following provisions: the possibility of accession by intergovernmental organizations to the Agreement, the possibility of accession by countries that do not have a *sui generis* system of protection of geographical indications and appellations of origin, but which provides protection thereof as required by the Agreement, protection of two objects with distinct definitions: Geographical Indications (GI) and Appellations of Origin (AO), providing an equal level of protection and treatment for both objects.

The Agreement also governs the procedures related to: filing of new applications for registration of GI/AO; notification of refusal; withdrawal of refusal; notification of the statements of grant of protection; invalidation; the possibility of renunciation of protection in one or more parties to the agreement; cancellation of GI/AO in the country of origin and termination of its effects by the international route; introduction of modifications in the international application; the possibility of coexistence of homonymous GI/AO; the possibility of coexistence of GI/AO with other earlier rights acquired in good faith before the date of registration of GI/AO, including trademark rights.

These provisions are conditioned by the legal rights of the parties and to avoid the risk of misleading consumers.

Moldova’s position was exposed to all topics of interest for our country, taking into account the positions presented in the previous sessions but also the national legal provisions and the provisions of treaties to which Moldova is a party.

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In the same period (30-31October) took place the ***Meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the New Act of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration***.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 27 Member States of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration (hereinafter referred to as the), 38 states as observers, four intergovernmental and eight nongovernmental organizations.

Moldova was represented in the work of the Preparatory Committee by Igor Moldovanu, representative of the permanent mission of RM in Geneva and Natalia Mogol, Deputy Director, Trademarks, Industrial Designs Department, AGEPI.

Committee’s work focused on the following documents: *Draft Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference, The List of Invitees to the Diplomatic Conference and the Texts of the Draft Letters of*

Invitation and *Declaration* submitted by 12 states concerning the proposal to amend the rules of procedure proposed by the Secretariat in the documents cited above.

Following discussions and debates, the Preparatory Committee decided: transmission of Draft Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference, as proposed by the Secretariat in document LI/ R/PM/2 with the necessary drafting.

Thus, ***the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the New Act of the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration will take place on 11-21 May 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland***.

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