



MEXICO STRENGTHENS ANTIPIRACY MEASURES

Piracy is a relevant issue in the developing economies as it severely affects music and video industries among others like those related to fashion and IP.

Mexico has established the basis to strongly fight against said illegal practice by modifying the Federal Criminal and the Intellectual Property Laws to accelerate the procedures and allow taking immediate actions before flagrant piracy.

The Federal Criminal Law was amended to state that crimes related to copyrights will be prosecuted ex officio, that way, the Mexican IP Institute and the Federal Preventive Police are now allowed to investigate and take suitable measures before any suspicious activity in the customs facilities. In fact, a new system was implemented to watch and verify the authenticity of the merchandise and the importation orders, thus, the customs authorities are allowed to check in the Mexican IP Institute database the registered distributors, licensees, representatives or the like before delivering the merchandise to the claimer.

Moreover, the police are now able to take actions against any people offering fake products in public places without requiring any complaint by the interested party.

Every day it is more evident for all the Mexican population that the government is seriously facing the piracy, as it is committed to bring the conditions for ensuring the respect of the IP rights and encouraging foreign investment and technological exchange.

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