UNECE International Seminar on Product Safety and Counterfeiting  
(Room XII, Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
on 5 (afternoon session) and 6 (morning session) November 2007)

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME***

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<td>The Seminar is organized in cooperation with a number of intergovernmental, international, regional and national bodies and organizations, the private sector, associations, including the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States Interparliamentary Assembly (IPA), the CIS Interstate Council on Standardization, Certification and Metrology, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), etc).</td>
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The Seminar is also open to representatives of the private sector and of consumers/users so as to involve all the major actors. The Seminar is organized in conjunction with the annual plenary session of the UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6) (5-7 November 2007).

The Seminar will be held with simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian. Participation is free of charge, but registration is compulsory (registration form available http://www.unece.org/trade/wp6/documents/2007/registration.doc) and participants are responsible for their own travel and hotel accommodations (http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).

**OPENING SESSION**

**Welcome remarks from UNECE**  
*Marek Belka, the UNECE Executive Secretary*

**Opening comments from WIPO**  
*Wolfgang Starein, Director, Enforcement and Special Projects Division  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)*

**Cost of counterfeits for the world economy**  
*Danny Scorpecci, Principal Economist and Senior Member of the Counterfeiting and Piracy Study, Structural Policy Division, Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

**SESSION I – PRODUCT SAFETY: COMMON CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES**

**Governments’ perspective**

**Consumer protection and safety controls in countries in transition**  
*R. Hasanov, Chairman, Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and General Director, Azen Committee on Standards, Azerbaijan*

*This document is to be considered as ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2007/2.*
Reform of market surveillance system in the European Union
F. Sacchetti, DG “Enterprise and Industry”, European Commission, Brussels

Product safety and counterfeit problems in Latin America
A. Lobo, Director of Quality, National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO), Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, Brazil

Creating common legal foundation to address governments’ concerns
M. Minasyan, Chairman of a Standing Commission on Economy and Finance, Inter-Parliamentary Assembly for the Commonwealth of Independent States (IPAC)

Industry perspective

Presentation from Nestlé
P. Nelson, Vice-President, Nestlé SA and ICC’s Business Action to stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (BASCAP)

Dangerous counterfeits
D. Geralde, Director, Corporate Audits and Investigations CSA Group, Canadian Anti-counterfeiting Network (BCAN), Canada

Consumers’ perspective

Consumers’ concerns in the transition economies
V. Tarachev, Member of Parliament of the Russian Federation

Questions and discussions on Section I
Governments’ responsibilities and mechanisms to ensure public safety and possible recommendations

SESSION II – BUILDING COMMON NETWORKS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AND USERS AGAINST DANGEROUS AND COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Introductory comments on the work of the UNECE “MARS” Group and on Counterfeit matters
K. Steinlova, Chair, UNECE “Advisory Group on Market Surveillance” (“MARS” Group) and Director, European Affairs Department, Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing, Slovakia

Product safety and counterfeit experience of Ukraine
L. Shatokhina, Deputy Head, Department on Consumer Policies, Consumer Protection and State Surveillance, State Committee for Technical Regulation and Consumer Policy (DSSU), Ukraine

Presentations from market surveillance authorities:

ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations)
Dr. Sunarya, Deputy Director, Center for Cooperation on Standardization (BSN), Indonesia

CIS Region
M. Bizgu, Head, Department of State Control and Consumer Protection, “Moldovastandart”, Moldova

Switzerland (to be confirmed)

Questions and discussions on Section II
Lessons and useful experiences for governments to address counterfeiting problems and possible recommendations
SESSION III  INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION ON PRODUCT SAFETY ISSUES

Presentation on PROSAFE
R. Van Buuren, Member of PROSAFE (Product Safety Enforcement Forum of Europe)

Presentation on ICPSC (International Consumer Product Safety Caucus)
D.H. Meijer, Director, Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA) in the South West region, Netherlands

CEN Workshop on Anti-counterfeiting: Protocols for Detection of Counterfeits
P. Delval, representing the Council of Europe and Member of the CEN Workshop CPF Steering Committee, European Committee for Standardization (CEN)

Questions and discussions on Section III
Examples for governments on regional and international cooperation and possible recommendations

SESSION IV  CONCLUSIONS OF THE SEMINAR AND FOLLOW-UP

The discussion should provide ideas about areas, where cooperation both between State agencies and also industry and consumers that could yield significant benefits to all stakeholders (as well as provide ideas for future cross-sectoral projects)

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