



IP International Summit 11 - 12 June 2014



International IP Enforcement
Summit London 2014

Counterfeit and pirated products impact every corner of society; from health and education to business and automotive. Such products can cause physical harm, as well as harm to local and national economy.

The growth of the online retail market means that the potential for transfer of counterfeit goods is no longer restricted by national boundaries, but impacts on a global scale. It is vital that there is a greater co-ordination and collaboration worldwide to understand and share best practice, enabling a more effective response to enforcement issues by the IP community.

The international summit will be hosted in the UK by the IPO, The European Commission and the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM). The Summit is the first event to bring together policy makers, enforcement agencies and businesses from key global markets. This will:

- provide an effective forum for discussion and debate on crucial international IP enforcement matters
- increase engagement between national and international partners in combating counterfeiting and piracy;
- support interaction and sharing of successful examples of international best practice strategies and techniques.

For more information follow us on twitter at **#ipsummit14**

Welcome

We are pleased to launch the Spring 2014 edition of the IP Crime Newsletter showcasing the good work being done across industry, government and enforcement to tackle IP Crime in the UK and overseas.

This edition highlights the International summit in June, results of the TS IP Crime Survey, the visit of Chinese judges and academics, the role of the IPO attachés, the DCATS IP Module and IP Crime in the news.

IP Crime Trading Standards Survey for 2014 achieves 100% response rate!!!

A big THANK YOU to all trading standards authorities for completing the IP Crime Trading Standards Survey for 2014, which is due to be published in September.

A selection of the TS Survey results along with industry and other enforcement agencies statistics will be used in the IP Crime Group Highlight Report, which will be unveiled in London, at the International IP Enforcement Summit on 11/12 June this year.

The highlight report will showcase the scope and scale of IP crime and the effective work carried out by Trading Standards, industry and other enforcement agencies in fighting IP crime.

DCATS The IP Module

The Diploma in Consumer Affairs and Trading Standards is commencing in June 2014. The courses are useful for those students keen to learn more about intellectual property and the practical steps officers take when enforcing IP rights legislation. The courses are provided by the Intellectual Property Office and the Alliance for IP (AfIP) and are delivered by professionals from the IP arena.

The dates and venues for students sitting the November 2014 DCATS IP examination are:

- 4 June 2014 – Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Office, Newport, South Wales
- 10 July 2014 – Civil Law, PRS for Music, London
- 11 September 2014 – Criminal Law, PRS for Music, London
- 9 October 2014 – Revision Day, Intellectual Property Office, Newport, South Wales

Course prices start at just £199 per delegate.

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Chinese judges and academics visit UK

A high-level delegation of judges, academics and lawyers from across China visited London in March as part of an ongoing judicial exchange programme facilitated by the Foreign Office and the IPO. This series of bilateral exchanges and workshops between the UK and China is supporting changes to Chinese judicial practice.

The delegation had a successful trip, with a full and varied programme. They engaged in detailed workshops with their UK counterparts covering the structure of the IP court system in England and Wales, interim injunctions and damages calculations in civil IP trials.

The delegation also visited the House of Lords and met Lord Younger, who emphasized the importance of UK-China co-operation on IP. Lord Younger is looking forward to attending the IP Symposium in China later this year, along with a senior UK Judge, and to continuing to engage with China on key IP issues.

Introducing the IPO attachés



The IPO have introduced attachés into 4 key international markets charged with championing legislative progress and guiding small UK businesses overseas. The four markets are China, SE East Asia, India and Brazil.

To date the attachés have achieved a great deal. In the past year, they have contacted over 2,000 businesses in their outreach and business education work. In other words, they have directly helped 2,000 UK businesses to avoid potentially expensive IP litigation and enforcement.

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IP Crime in the News

The City of London Police Unit (PIPCU) contacted the operators of a site dedicated to providing links to illegally supplied sports files. The site TSNT has since closed.

http://recombu.com/digital/news/tstn-sports-torrent-network-red-card-city-of-london-police_M13082.html

After a successful prosecution a Director of a private company has pleaded guilty to 16 charges of selling high class counterfeit goods. For each of the charges the defendant was fined £1500 and ordered to pay a contribution to Trading Standards costs.

http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/11164595.Director_guilty_of_selling_counterfeit_designer_clothes/

Following an investigation by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency into the importations of counterfeit condoms, two directors of Trade Express UK Ltd received an eight month prison sentence suspended for two years, 200 hours of unpaid work and banned from serving as a director of any company for seven years. The court also made a confiscation order against each defendant in the sum of £14,809.40 and both have to pay costs in the sum of £10,596.51.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/NewsCentre/Pressreleases/CON406384>

A FRAUDSTER who sold fake car accessories online – while also cheating the benefits system with his wife – has been jailed. The defendant made more than £427,000 selling counterfeit BMW, Mercedes and Porsche products on auction site eBay, Bristol Crown Court heard. The defendant and his partner made a further £46,652 illegally claiming state benefits.

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/Man-jailed-selling-fake-car-parts-benefit-cheat/story-20796219-detail/story.html#ixzz2ztzUEVJz>

Police seized counterfeit goods with a retail value of almost £2m after a pair of raids in the Forth Valley. CID officers teamed up with Trading Standards and anti-counterfeiting groups to search addresses in Bonnybridge and Falkirk.

They found fake items including Rolex, Tag Heuer and Armani watches, Ray Ban sunglasses, DVD box sets and Hermes jewellery. A man and a woman, both aged 28, have been reported to the procurator fiscal

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-27412768#>

THOUSANDS of potentially lethal counterfeit cigarettes have been seized following a Trading Standards crackdown in Wolverhampton. Officers from Wolverhampton City Council targeted a number of businesses across the city where illegal tobacco products were believed to be on sale

For the first time in such operations in Wolverhampton, specially-trained 'sniffer' dogs were used to detect the illicit tobacco. The two-day operation yielded around 25,000 counterfeit and duty free cigarettes and 3kg of illegal chewing tobacco.

http://www.thebusinessdesk.com/westmidlands/news/613610-thousands-of-counterfeit-cigarettes-seized-in-wolverhampton-raid.html?news_section=19009