

## **PARTICIPATING IN THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKING GROUP - Feb 2022**

The intellectual property working group covers the following topics:

### **IP Legislative Developments**

Monitoring implementation and providing recommendations on draft legislations including:

- Patent Act, Trademark Act, Copyright Act and regulations, Geographical indications Act and related regulations;
- Customs Act, regulations and notifications;
- international agreements (FTAs, WIPO Treaties, etc.)

### **IP Enforcement**

Enforcement of intellectual property rights including:

- Border enforcement including regular consultations and training of Royal Thai Customs
- Physical market enforcement including consultations with Thai enforcement authorities (Police, Department of Special investigations (DSI) and Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court (IPIT Court)
- Online enforcement of trademark and copyright contents with close cooperation with Thai Department of Intellectual Property

### **IP Awareness and commercialization**

Promotion of IP awareness to support both European and Thailand businesses, drive innovation and commercialisation of IP assets through public conferences:

- European funded projects: IPKey, South East Asia IP SME Helpdesk
- Trade associations and chambers of commerce
- Ministry of Commerce (DIP) events etc.

### **Objectives of the Intellectual Property Working Group**

- 1) To be a forum for issues of interest to EABC members on intellectual property topics;
- 2) To proactively engage Thai authorities and provide expert recommendations in view of supporting innovation, commercialisation and protection of IP assets;
- 3) To provide European businesses and in particular SMEs with high level information through EU funded projects (IP Key, SEA IP SME Helpdesk etc).

### **Meetings – internal; External engagement**

- We meet monthly for about 90 minutes and split in further smaller groups on specific issues (ex: compulsory licensing, enforcement, copyright etc.)
- We work in synergy with other EABC WGs (namely Pharma and Digital Economy/ICT)
- WE engage several times a year with Ministry of Commerce Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) and with EU Delegation in the context of Thai-EU IP dialogue.

### **Information**

We provide an oral and written update to the EABC Board meeting via Board Advocacy Updates. We also provide advocacy papers on occasional topics in addition to the EABC Position Paper.

### **Questions? Join us...**

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