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Day 2 Session 1

#### Domestic Approaches of Marks Protection in Digital Trade

Submitted by: Philippines



Workshop on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Content Trade 20-21 April 2021







the Philippines maintains good standing in the international community



Happening right now:

IPOPHL-IEO and Asia Video Industry Association's Coalition Against Piracy (AVIA-CAP) meeting on strengthening the fight against piracy through take-down and site-blocking

#IPREnforcement #AntiPiracyMonth



Campaigns in the Philippines on IP enforcement



recognized as an inspirational model for the ASEAN region

Surge in IP rights violation complaints and reports

95% **T** 







## January - December

4 years data 2015-2019



1 year data 2020

190

reports total

129

reports

total

190

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total

counterfeiting

35.3%

Piracy

28.4%



#### Revised Rules of Procedure on Administrative Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)





explicitly including online counterfeiting and piracy in its enforcement work;



enhanced coordination with the Telecommunications
Commission, the primary regulator for internet service providers, to take down posts that violate IP-rights;



proactive marketplace monitoring and elevating issues we find to IP rights owners.





2018

Engage e-Commerce Platforms in creating a culture of respect for IP













#### Webinars to spot counterfeit goods and pirated items as consumers



#### Bureau of Customs Food and Drug Administration IPOPHL Employees

Whole-of-Government approach and buy-in from rights holders and online platforms





## MOU between e-commerce platforms and rights holders

Agreed Notice and Takedown Procedures (NTD)4

Proactive and Preventive Measures by Rights Owners and Platforms Sharing of information by Platforms

Repeat infringer policies

Assessment period of 12 months after signing

Signatories to meet biannually under the auspices of the IPOPHL

#### Signatories:

Unilever, GSK, Castrol, Globe, Solar Pictures, Philippine Retailers Association, American Chamber of Commerce, British Chamber of Commerce

Lazada, Shopee



Strengthening the legal framework against counterfeiting and piracy.



#### **Amendment of the IP Code**

To make the IP law more robust, effective, modern, and forward-looking to further the Philippines' position as an attractive investment destination.



#### Salient enforcement-related provisions

A faster blocking system for IP infringing websites and webpages.

The ability to conduct store visits and preventively place in custody IP infringing goods.

Institutionalization of IPOPHL's IP Rights Enforcement Office (IEO) which is the lead unit for enforcement.

Solidary liability for landlords and platforms found to be dealing in trademark infringing goods.

Removal of the minimum amount for a damage claim, which will allow our micro, small and medium entrepreneurs to seek administrative remedies.

# We support The Internet Transactions Act

...will drastically change how e-commerce platforms, merchants, and websites will operate.

...pushes for the solidary liability of e-commerce platforms with erring online merchants.





11 partners government agencies

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Department of Trade
and Industry

Vice-Chair Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

#### Ourpartners

**Department of Justice** 

Department of the Interior and Local Government

**Bureau of Customs** 

**Food and Drug Authority** 

**Bureau of Investigation** 

Philippine Police

**Optical Media Board** 

**Book Development Board** 

Office of the Special Envoy on Transnational Crime

**Telecommunications Commission** 



#### 2008 10-year data 2018



#### Enforcement Efforts



jumped 69% from 1,565 to 2,644 inspection activities

#### Our seizures



grows at an average of **55% annually** 



climbed from

P3.52 billion to P23.55 billion worth

growth in counterfeit trade intensified enforcement efforts heightened awareness





intercepting counterfeit products at the borders

42% were hauled by Customs at various points of entry



## Regional cross border enforcement

Philippines continues to be chair of the ASEAN Network of IP Enforcement Experts or ANIEE.

Collaboration with the ASEAN Customs Enforcement Compliance Working Group or CECWG

ASEAN's 2016-2025 IP Rights Action Plan



## ANIEE Long-term enforcement work

ANIEE ACTS Beyond 2020

# ANIEE ACTS Beyond 2020

Awareness, by bolstering efforts to raise IP enforcement awareness, optimizing physical and digital space displays of IP awareness

Capacity, specifically by building the capacity and skills not only of IP offices but of all IP enforcement stakeholders and players.

Technology, by utilizing technologies to further improve IP enforcement in the region especially as technology may allow almost instantaneous coordination and information sharing.

**Synergy**, by building new partnerships and strengthening existing ones.



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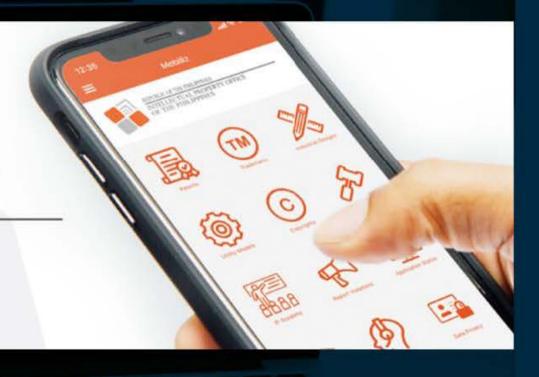
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## digitalize IPOPHL from front-end to back-end

#### **Moving forward**

...build synergies, strategize enforcement through multi-sectoral cooperation, widen appreciation of IP rights.



