

ACTA Negotiations: Report on Round One 3 - 4 June 2008, Geneva

Participants in the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement met in Geneva on 3-4 June 2008. This was one of a series of meetings through which the participants plan to develop different aspects of the proposed agreement.

Attending the meeting were representatives from Australia, Canada, the European Union (represented by the Commission and its Member States including the EU Presidency), Japan, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates and the United States.

While a number of topics were discussed, the main focus of the discussions was border enforcement measures, particularly how to address large scale counterfeiting activity at the border, which can involve criminal elements and pose a threat to public health and safety. Participants considered the discussions were useful and are satisfied with the progress to date.

Participants will continue their substantive work over the coming months in a focused manner. They tentatively scheduled their next meeting for mid-July, and expect to continue to explore border enforcement, whilst also exploring other areas such as civil enforcement.

Participants also discussed future engagement with stakeholders and agreed to proceed with such engagement at the domestic level and to identify opportunities for engagement in the future.