



Intellectual Property Commission

Intellectual property related activities at the Chamber of Commerce

Organisation	: Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce
Country	: Ukraine
Contact Person	: Natalia Meshcheriakova, Chairwoman of IP Committee
Contact Details	: n.meshcheriakova@bascap.com.ua
Website	: http://bascap.com.ua/

1. General comments

Ukrainian National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Ukraine) protects interests of domestic businesses on the foreign markets, promotes effective international industrial cooperation and increasing flows of foreign investments in Ukraine.

Intellectual Property Commission is an advisory body of the ICC Ukraine. The main tasks of the Commission are: summarizing the international experience on intellectual property protection; making comparative analysis and preparing propositions on the implementation of positive international experience into national practice; providing advice, guidance and other assistance to enterprises, members of the ICC Ukraine, on intellectual property protection issues.

ICC Ukraine has launched the BASCAP (Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy) Initiative Group in Ukraine in the framework of the Intellectual Property Commission in order to connect and mobilize businesses across industries, sectors and national borders in the fight against counterfeiting and piracy.

2. Communication Tools

What kind of communication tools do you offer? Please elaborate.

- a) On-line e.g. website

<http://iccua.org>

<http://bascap.com.ua>

- b) Tel.: +380 44 361 13 78

- c) Fax: +380 44 248 00 09 (4344)

3. Training

Do you offer any training programs? Please elaborate.

a) The ICC Ukraine holds workshops, conferences and roundtables on intellectual property issues. State and Media representatives always participate in these events. The wide range of educational and informational events hosted by Intellectual Property Commission this year include the following:

- Round table "Counterfeiting in the Fashion Industry";
- Presentation of BASCAP in Ukraine;
- Conference "Issues of intellectual property rights protection and fair competition principles in the alcohol, food and tobacco industries";
- Round table "Caution: Fake Medicines! Counterfeit Products and Unfair Competition on the Pharmaceutical Market";
- II Professional Conference "Issues of intellectual property rights protection and fair competition principles in the pharmaceutical industry"

b) On-line tutorials

No

c) Others

No

4. Consultancy/ Advisory Services

Do you offer any IP-consultancy services? This could include a helpline, legal/ financial/ commercial/consulting services etc. Are intellectual property aspects included in general commercial/business advice provided by your chamber?

IP Commission offers consulting services in the field of Intellectual Property rights. These aspects are also included in the general business advice. In order to provide practical recommendations BASCAP Initiative Group in Ukraine together with the ICC Ukraine translated into Ukrainian and presented two publications in the field of intellectual property rights: ICC WBO "IP - Roadmap" and BASCAP "IP - Guidelines".

5. Information gathering/ awareness raising

Do you conduct surveys or gather information in any other way? Do you carry out any awareness raising activities? Please elaborate.

IP Commission constantly monitors new IP legislation, conducts surveys among participants of the seminars and enterprises that turn to the IP Commission for consulting services.

In addition, the Commission constantly monitors legal protection of intellectual property in Ukraine. When any infringements of intellectual property rights have been detected, the Commission shall notify the holder of the observed violation and provides advice to combat such offenses.

6. SME case studies

Do you publish case studies of SMEs who have actively used IP in their businesses? Can you provide us with any such case studies?

ICC Ukraine publishes monthly Informational Bulletin. Some case studies of SMEs that have actively used IP in their business are published in this magazine.

7. Facilitation of IP business opportunities

Do you provide any services to help businesses trade in IP e.g. IP business matchmaking, marketplaces etc?

IP Commission of the ICC Ukraine has signed a set of Memorandums on cooperation with different governmental bodies and NGOs. These memorandums are currently being considered by the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine, Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, State Customs Service of Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

IP Commission has initiated the publication of the Code of Fair Practices for Use of Intellectual Property Assets. The main idea of the Code is to set fair practices within the business community on the use of Intellectual Property assets.

8. Policy advocacy

Do you engage in policy advocacy in the IP field? Please provide details.

ICC Ukraine with the help of IP Commission organizes conferences and seminars where representatives of enterprises can learn legal ways of defending their IP rights in court. Prominent advocates, judges and representatives of State authorities always take part in these events and participate in open discussion.

9. Encouragement of innovation and IP asset development

Do you have any initiatives to encourage innovation or the development of IP assets e.g. awards, competitions, technology showcases etc?

ICC Ukraine used to award its members for distinguished development of small and medium business. Now ICC Ukraine awards its members with official gratitude for achievements in improving state economy.

10. Others

No

* * * * *

We consent to the above information being posted on the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce) website.

Name: Natalia Meshcheriakova
Position: Head of the IP Commission
Organization: ICC Ukraine
Date: 20/09/2011