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Introduction 简介

- The Internet now a major player in helping to facilitate the counterfeit trade
- 互联网是推动假冒产品贸易的主要"利器"
- In Europe online retail consumers spend twice as much as in-store shoppers
- 在欧洲,网络消费额是线下消费额的两倍
- Clear change in consumer behaviours due to COVID19 pandemic
- 新冠疫情造成消费者行为明显改变
- Consumers usually make +50% of purchases online, increased dramatically in Europe's biggest e-commerce markets.
- 欧洲最大电商平台的网购量剧增,消费者的网购量通常占其总体购物量的50%以上
- 60% of consumers will continue to buy as much online
- 60%的消费者在未来会保持其网购量



The Change 变化

- Physical trafficking getting harder, criminals recognised the shift unlikely to stop
- 线下售假难度加大,犯罪分子亦认识到这一趋势不可逆转
- Counterfeiters are resourceful and find the internet irresistible.
- 造假/售假者诡计多端, 且发现网络空间极具诱惑
- Greater access to suppliers, transporters, businesses buyers and consumers across the world
- 更易于接触全世界的供应商、运输商、企业采购者和普通消费者
- Offers anonymity behind 藏匿于以下屏障之后:
 - sophisticated looking sales sites, 貌似精美的销售网站,
 - fake trademarks, brands and emblems 虚假商标、品牌、徽标
 - bogus safety and certification and labels 伪造安全证书及标签



Is the EU MOU on sale of counterfeit goods via the internet effective? 欧盟打击互联网售假谅解备忘录是否有效?

- MOU valuable instrument which continues to improve exchanges information and more effective cooperation between signatories.
- 谅解备忘录作为重要手段,能够持续加强签署方之间的信息交换和有效合作
- Provides greater transparency and flexibility key advantages.
- 提高透明性及灵活性——此为关键优势
- Data collection which feed into KPI's also helped to guide and measure our joint performances.
- 通过收集数据、计算KPI,有助于指导、评价各方共同取得的成绩
- Evident in identifying new trends and building greater awareness and responses to counterfeiting during COVID 19 pandemic.
- 新冠疫情期间,谅解备忘录效果明显,有助识别假冒活动新趋势、加强 打假意识与应对措施



Overall Impact 整体影响

- Signatories have a clearer understanding of our joint needs and capacities.
- 签署方对各方共同需求及能力有更清楚的认识
- What we focus on and what we are able to achieve.
- 明确关注领域、可实现的目标
- Built greater understanding to help find new and more collaborative approaches to combat counterfeiting in a swiftly changing online environment.
- 在快速变化的网络环境中,能够促进互相谅解,帮助寻找更具协作性的新型打假方式



How can an MOU help China and EU? 谅解备忘录模式如何助力中国与欧盟?

- It is the type of agreement we should try to draw up as commerce, business and consumers are all affected.
- 双方应努力达成此类约定,因其可对商业、企业和消费者产生全面影响
- MOUs less formal than contracts and treaties, which are binding and can result in international repercussions if they are broken.
- 备忘录的正式程度不及合同与协定,后两种模式具有约束力,如果违反可造成国际不良影响
- MOU's include less details and complexities
- 备忘录的细节度及复杂度较低
- Mutual agreement on needs and wants are recorded.
- 记录双方对彼此需求达成的共识
- Informal process allows signatories to sidestep the scrutiny and red tape that can plague contracts and treaties.
- 非正式过程可使签署方规避合同及协定的各类繁琐审查和文书流程
- MOUs still hold power as they specify jointly accepted expectations and common objectives.
- 备忘录明确了各方可接受的共同期望及目标,因此依然具有效力



Things to note 注意事项

- MOU legal term, but they are not normally legally binding.
- 谅解备忘录是法律用语,但通常不具备法律约束力
- Put in place because neither party wants to deal with the effects of a mandatory agreement.
- 之所以采用这种模式,是因为各方不愿应对强制协议的相关影响
- No need to "lawyer up" and prepare for hard-core contract talks.
- 无需聘请律师团队,为"硬核"谈判作准备
- "Soft law", provides a more engaging way for countries and agencies to cooperate.
- 作为"软性法",各国、各机构能够籍此以更具参与性的方式开展合作
- MOU allows parties to build understanding and more settled relationships due to more informal information exchanges.
- 借助谅解备忘录,各方通过加强非正式信息交换,可促进互相理解、建立更稳定的 关系
- Helps speed up agreements on resolutions that need to be put in place quickly.
- 有助于加快进程,针对需要快速落实的决议达成约定



Bear in mind! 谨记!

- MOUs can still have major implications for international and domestic law
- 谅解备忘录依然对境内外法律具有重要影响
- Thorough paper trails need to be agreed and kept.
- 需约定并保留完整的书面记录
- A simple, well-written, MOU will reflect diplomatic understanding and add a creative and analytical rationale.
- 简明扼要的备忘录可反映外交谅解,提供具有创造性及分析性的依据
- Provides a mutual expression of intent and joint benefits.
- 提供双方意图及共同利益的表达途径
- A framework that both parties could work with to reach shared goals and
- 双方合作达成共同目标及.....的框架
- An established working relationship.
- 体现已得到建立的工作关系



ACG View ACG观点

- ACG is in favour of MOUs it's a simple and direct option.
- 反假冒协会(ACG)支持使用谅解备忘录这一简单、直接的机制
- Less complex and more flexible in swiftly changing environment.
- 在快速变化的环境中,可减少复杂度、更加灵活度
- Allows parties to avoid routes and practices that would slow down implementation and cooperation.
- 各方可避免可能导致执行及合作推迟的例行程序与做法
- Helps parties to get things done more quickly than through more formal channels.
- 相较更正式的渠道,备忘录模式可促使各方更快实现目标



Summing Up 总结

- Planning is essential we will need to set out:
- **做好规划是关键** ——我们需要说明:
 - what we want or need from each other and make sure it is written in simple common language■ 对彼此的需求 (并确保以简单的共同语言形成书面记录)
 - ☐ What we would both offer and willing to negotiate on
 - □ 双方将会彼此给予、相互协商的内容
 - ☐ That the MOU contains both parties' common objectives and performance measures.
 - □ 谅解备忘录需包含双方的共同目标与绩效指标





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