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## Recent Developments in the Uruguay Round of International Trade Negotiations on Intellectual Property Rights

Negotiations in the Uruguay Round of international trade talks on intellectual property rights are scheduled to conclude at a Ministerial conference to be held in Brussels in early December, 1990.

In the last year the negotiations have made considerable headway and the Negotiating Group now has before it a number of submissions setting out different countries positions. Most submissions are directed towards issues for establishing internationally adequate standards in respect of various forms of intellectual property and the effective enforcement of the rights of intellectual property holders.

The GATT Secretariat has recently issued a checklist paper which identifies the main issues contained in the submissions and details a number of questions to be addressed in the final phase of negotiations. The GATT paper is divided into the following sections:

- Basic Principles
- Standards and Principles Concerning the Availability, Scope and Use of Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights
- Enforcement of Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights
- Procedures for the Acquisition and Maintenance of IPRs
- Multilateral Dispute Prevention and Settlement
- Transitional Arrangements
- Other Matters
- Trade in Counterfeit goods
- Relationship with Other International Organisations

There are wide differences of opinion on many issues including whether the results of the negotiations should be incorporated into the GATT or WIPO.

There is a booklet entitled "Intellectual Property Rights – A Guide to the GATT Uruguay Round", available from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which describes how the negotiations have evolved over the past three years and outlines the major issues under negotiation.

Further information about the paper can be obtained from Mr Rod Hall (06) 261 2888 or Mr Michael Mugliston (06) 261 2980 of the Multilateral Trade Division.

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## CASES

### Copyright: Parallel Importation of Computer Programs

- *Sonal Moore*

A More Detailed Examination of *Lotus Development Corporation & Ors v Vacolan Pty Limited & Anor* before Davies J, Federal Court, 20/11/89

#### Facts

The first respondent, Vacolan Pty Limited, conducted the business of receiving orders for computer programs on behalf of an American corporation, Seltec Computer Products Inc. Mr Cummings, the second respondent, was a director of Vacolan Pty Limited.