

PHILIPPINES

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Anti-Counterfeiting Committee Report (Covering the period October 2015 – August 2016)

I. Changes in Anti-Counterfeiting Laws.

There were no changes to Philippine laws pertaining to Anti-Counterfeiting for the period covered.

II. Changes to Philippines practice before the Intellectual Property Office, or Intellectual Property Registries or in the courts concerning anti-counterfeiting :

There were no changes introduced during the current year as of this writing relative practices or procedures in the Philippines before the IPO, the IPO Registries or in the courts relating to anti-counterfeiting.

III. Other matter of general interest.

A. Enforcement actions by the National Committee on Intellectual Property Rights (NCIPR) involving anti-counterfeiting operations.

The NCIPR is represented by members from the Department of Justice, Department of Interior and Local Government, Bureau of Customs, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine National Police, Optical Media Board, National Book Development Board, Bureau of Food and Drugs and the Office of the Special Envoy on Transnational Crimes.

**Summary of IP Enforcement
Covering the Period 01 January – 30 December 2015**

AGENCY	NO. OF OPERATIONS				QUANTITY				ESTIMATED VALUE (Php)
	Inspection	Plant Audit	Search Warrant	WSD	Pieces	Cartons/ Sacks	Container	Replicating Machine	
NBI			251		311,252	1,578			1,386,643,543.00
PNP			105		35,082	312			66,944,863.55
*OMB	1,507				1,588,850				550,123,600.00
**BOC									
**FDA									
TOTAL	1,507		356	0	1,935,184	1,890			2,003,712,006.55

*no data for Nov and Dec 2015

**no data for 2015

**Summary of IP Enforcement
Covering the Period 01 January – 20 August 2016**

AGENCY	NO. OF OPERATIONS				QUANTITY				ESTIMATED VALUE (Php)
	Inspection	Plant Audit	Search Warrant	WSD	Pieces	Cartons/ Sacks	Container	Replicating Machine	
NBI			166		329,601				PHP 535,654,472.00
PNP			93	1	84,944	1,656			PHP 19,486,992.00
OMB	757				764,740	1,159			PHP 267,659,180.00
*BOC									
*FDA									
**JOINT OPERATIONS									PHP 2,000,000,000.00
TOTAL	757		259	1	1,179,285	2,815			PHP 2,822,800,644.00

*no data for the months of January to August

**<http://www.manilatimes.net/boc-nbi-seize-p2b-fake-watches/260394/>

*** NBI and OMB no report for the period June to August 23, 2016

B. The 5th Philippine Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Summit.

On October 26 2015, the 5th Annual Philippine Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Summit was held in Manila. With the theme “Building Cooperation Across Borders”, the Summit tackled issues and prospects of cooperation on regional and international IP protection, enforcement and adjudication.

Well renowned experts on Intellectual Property spoke on various topics including:

- IP Protection, experiences of the Philippines, Japan and France;
- Role and Responsibilities of Intermediaries : Fighting Counterfeiting and Piracy in the Supply Chain;
- Digital Copyright Forensics;
- Brand Protection and Enforcement : Challenges and Best Practices;
- Investigation and Prosecution of Intellectual Property Crimes in the 21st Century; and
- Intellectual Property Awareness and Education : Challenges and Best Practices.

B. The Philippine Anti-Piracy Team (PTAP) consisting of members from the Optical Media Board, the National Bureau of Investigation and the Philippine National Police has been active in conducting operations against IP law violators:



Inspection Operations Metro Manila

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

OMB Agents were directed to conduct routine inspections of business stalls at Mandaluyong, Pasig and Marikina, where illegal compact discs abound and openly sold to the public.



CD Replicating Facility at Clark Freeport Raided

Friday, May 13, 2016

Intro: On April 13, 2016, OMB Agents were directed to inspect Philippines Global Optic Media, Inc., located inside the Clark Freeport, Pampanga. Subject facility is licensed with the Optical Media Board, however, initial reports indicated that “parallel” CD replication was being done inside their premises (parallel replication is the act of copying illegal compact discs with legitimate copies).



OMB Inspects Wholesaler of Pirated Optical Media Discs

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

With the hardline intention of newly appointed OMB Chair Atty. Anselmo B. Adriano to intensify the campaign against pirated optical discs, as well as pursue its illicit sources, OMB Agents on Monday, April 11, 2016 inspected Mei-ah VCD Shop, located at 556 Tomas Mapua Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila.



OMB Conducts Inspection Operations in Metrowalk Ortigas and Quezon City

Friday, April 01, 2016

Metrowalk Ortigas – With the intensified anti-piracy campaign being implemented by newly appointed Chairman & CEO Atty. Anselmo B. Adriano, inspection operations were conducted by the Enforcement & Investigation Division (EID) in Metrowalk Ortigas, Pasig City and Arayat, Cubao, Quezon City, which resulted in the seizure of one hundred forty one (141) sacks of pirated CDs/DVDs having an estimated value of nineteen million seven hundred forty thousand pesos (PhP 19,740,000.00).



First Out of Town Inspection Operation under Atty. Anselmo B. Adriano

Monday, April 11, 2016

The Enforcement and Investigation Division (EID) of the Optical Media Board (OMB) conducted its first out of town inspection operations under the chairmanship of Atty. Anselmo B. Adriano in the province of Bulacan particularly Sta. Maria, Norzaragay and San Jose Del Monte City, respectively, on April 04, 2016.

Authorities swoop down on 6 businesses for alleged use of pirated software

Six businesses in Southern Manila were recently raided for alleged use of unlicensed software.





Anti-piracy group raids Southern Manila looking for unlicensed software

The Pilipinas Anti-Piracy Team (PAPT) toughened its drive against piracy by tracking down establishments in Southern Manila that operate using unlicensed software



Call Center in Cavite Raided by NBI for use of “pirated” software

Monday, October 26, 2015

Authorities from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has conducted a raid on a call center in Bacoor, Cavite suspected of using unlicensed software.



Easy PC Computer Store Raided by National Bureau of Investigation

Pilipinas Anti – Piracy Team (PAPT) comprising National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) seized computers loaded with unauthorized copies of software during a recent inspection of Easy PC Computer stores in Makati and Parañaque City. A Lenovo laptop, an Acer Laptop, 3 unbranded desktop and 2 USB with infringing copies of various unauthorized copies of various Microsoft programs.



Computer Repair Shops Raided by National Bureau of Investigation

Monday, October 26, 2015

Pilipinas Anti – Piracy Team (PAPT) comprising National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) seized computers loaded with unauthorized copies of software during a recent inspection of computer repair stores in Gilmore, Quezon City.



John Ernest Connecting Continents Issues Apology to Microsoft

Monday, October 26, 2015

A public apology has been issued by the John Ernest Connecting Continents (JECC) for using infringing copies of Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office in their operation where it has breached the Philippines’ Intellectual Property Code (Republic Act No. 8293).

Source: <http://www.papt.org.ph/>