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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

jointly organized by

the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and

the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC)
of the People's Republic of China**Beijing, June 26 to 28, 2007**

GENERAL INFORMATION

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Organizers

The International Symposium on Geographical Indications is being organized jointly by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the State Administration for Industry and Commerce (SAIC) of the People's Republic of China.

Venue and Dates

The Symposium will be held in Beijing, from Tuesday, June 26 to Thursday 28, 2007, at the following address:

Beijing International Hotel
No. 9 Jianguomennei DaJie
Beijing, China
Post code: 100005
Telephone: (+86 10) 65126688
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E-mail: info@bih.com.cn
Website: www.bih.com.cn

Objectives

The International Symposium on Geographical Indications is organized every other year by WIPO in cooperation with an interested Member State. It brings together representatives of Member States' administrations, producers of GI products and specialists in the field of geographical indications. The Symposium is a forum for an exchange of ideas and views on various issues relating to the use and protection of geographical indications. The Symposium will offer insights into the technicalities of the subject and it is hoped that it will constructively contribute to the ongoing debate on geographical indications at the national and international levels.

Registration

Registration for the Symposium should be made by means of the Registration Form at Annex I to this document.

On-site registration will take place on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, from 8.30 to 9.30 a.m. at the Registration/Information Counter in front of the conference room at the Beijing International Hotel.

Working Languages

The working languages of the Symposium are English, French and Chinese with simultaneous interpretation.

Welcome Reception

All participants are cordially invited to a welcome reception offered by WIPO on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Visit to a Production Site

As part of the program, SAIC is organizing a visit for all participants to the Pinggu Pear Field in Beijing on Wednesday, June 27, 2007. The visit will be followed by a reception offered by SAIC.

II. INFORMATION CONCERNING HOTEL AND IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES

Chinese Entry Visa

Foreign participants are required to obtain their Chinese entry visa at the Embassy or Consulate of China in their respective country. They should be in possession of a valid entry visa *before* commencing their travel.

Any participant or speaker having difficulty in obtaining a Chinese entry visa may request assistance from SAIC (see details of the contact person, below). The "Personal details of participants" form, at Annex II to this document, must be returned to SAIC.

NB: This form does not replace the regular visa request.

Hotel Accommodation

A block reservation has been made by SAIC, for all participants, at the Beijing International Hotel, which is also the venue of the Symposium, at a preferential room rate of approximately US\$104 (RMB 800 Yuan) per night per person, inclusive of breakfast.

Open in 1987, Beijing International Hotel is a 5-star hotel located on Chang'an street, the central area of foreign affairs and business. Only 28 kilometers from the airport, and also very close to the Forbidden City.

To confirm the room reservation, participants are requested to inform Mr. Chen Yongsheng, the SAIC official in charge (see item III, below), by facsimile or e-mail, as soon as possible, of their itinerary, i.e., check-in and check-out dates, flight numbers and expected times of arrival and departure, as well as their name, title and country name. All bills are to be settled directly with the hotel. All major credit cards are accepted.

Local Transportation

Upon arrival at Beijing airport, participants are requested to identify themselves to the SAIC representative (who will be holding a card with the participant's name) in the arrival area at the airport. SAIC will arrange for transfer to Beijing International Hotel. For cases of individual transfer to the hotel, the taxi fare from Beijing airport to the hotel will be approximately RMB 130 Yuan. The taxi area is just outside the exit of the arrival area.

III. SAIC AND WIPO CONTACT DETAILS

The itineraries of all foreign participants and speakers, as well as requests for presentation equipment and reports of any difficulty in obtaining a Chinese entry visa, should be sent to the following SAIC official:

Mr. CHEN Yongsheng
Telephone: (86-10) 68054884
Facsimile: (86-10) 68013623
E-mail: waiban.sbj@saic.gov.cn

For further assistance and inquiries from WIPO, the following persons may be contacted:

Mrs. Marianella Di Candia and Mrs. Aurélie Phoeun
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
Telephone: (41-22) 338 9872 or 338 9440
Facsimile: (41-22) 338 8160 or 338 8745
E-mail: marianella.dicandia@wipo.int and aurelie.phoeun@wipo.int

IV. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Climate

The weather in June in Beijing is generally warm, with the temperature ranging between 25 and 35 degrees Celsius.

Local Time

The local time for Beijing is China Standard Time, which is GMT (UTC) + 8 hours.

Currency

China's local currency is the Renminbi (RMB). Its basic unit is the Yuan. The exchange rate is approximately US\$1 = 7.8 Yuan (subject to change).

Electricity

The electric power provided in Beijing is 220V, 50Hz.

Airport Tax

Please note that the airport tax for Beijing airport is included in the ticket fee. No airport tax is to be paid separately.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX I



REGISTRATION FORM

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS**

Beijing – June 26 – 28, 2007

Beijing International Hotel – No. 9 Jianguomennei Dajie

Mr./Mrs./Ms.: _____

First Name: _____

Family Name: _____

Country - Organization: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II



Personal details of participants (*)

To be sent to SAIC by facsimile: (86-10) 680 13 623 or
e-mail: waiban.sbj@saic.gov.cn

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Beijing – June 26 – 28, 2007

Beijing International Hotel – No. 9 Jianguomennei Dajie
Beijing, China

Mr./Mrs./Ms.: _____

First Name: _____

Family Name: _____

Nationality: _____ Passport Number and Type (civil servant or not): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Title/Employer: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Venue to obtain Chinese Visa: _____

Itinerary: Flight No.: _____ Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

(*) NB: This information is requested in order to facilitate the delivery of the entry visa for China. It does NOT replace the regular visa request. For further assistance, please contact Mr. CHEN Yongsheng (SAIC), telephone: (86-10) 680 54 884, facsimile: (86-10) 680 13 623 or e-mail: waiban.sbj@saic.gov.cn

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