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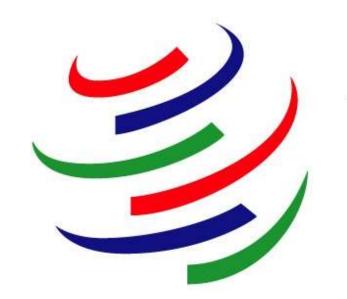
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1. Introduction

- ■Trinidad and Tobago joined the WTO in 1995
- ■Trinidad and Tobago introduced new patent legislation in 1996
- ■Trinidad and Tobago's IP Office established December 1997
- Prior to this Trinidad and Tobago had a filing system



2. Patent Act 1996









Trinidad and Tobago has a National Exhaustion system

3. Patentability Exclusions

- Section 12 of the Patent Act 1996
- A discovery or Scientific Theory
- A diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical methods for the treatment of humans or animals
- Public Order or Morality
- Second Medical Use Section 9 (4) of the Patent Act 1996



4. Conclusion

The Patent Act was meant to promote inventiveness in the society while ensuring that the

citizens of Trinidad and Tobago still had access to medications at a reasonable price.



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