

With reference to Circular 8828 regarding follow up on SCP/29/7, paragraph 22, the Norwegian Industrial Property Office (“NIPO”) has the following comments:

Regarding any additional inputs for the preparation of the following documents:

- (i) **Draft reference document on the exception regarding compulsory licenses:** We refer to the information concerning Norway available at <http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/exceptions/>. We have one minor amendment to the text: In the answer to question 65 (section IX), we would appreciate if you would include Section 96 of the Norwegian Patent Regulations. Thus, the answer to question 65 is to be as follows: *“The Norwegian Patents Act Section 45 – 50a and the Norwegian Patent Regulations Section 96 – 100.”*  
We are not aware of any other amendments or of any challenges in Norway related to implementing the exceptions.
- (ii) **A further study on inventive step:** We refer to the document submitted by NIPO 9 March 2018 (NIPO’s reply on C.8728). We have one minor amendment to the text, regarding the second sentence in the first paragraph on page 3 of the document. The amended version of the sentence reads as follows: *“Similarly, if it was obvious to choose a specific technical solution to achieve a foreseeable effect, it would normally not be decisive in terms of patentability of the subject-matter if the solution also involves an additional unexpected technical effect.”*  
Please see appendix 1 (attached) – amendments to the sentence are performed in mark-up mode.
- (iii) **Updated document on the confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors:** We do not have any amendments to the information already provided on attorney-client privilege.
- (iv) **A document compiling information on patent law provisions and practises that contributed to effective transfer of technology in Member States:** We do not have any such information to submit.

Regarding updated information on applicable laws etc., item (i)–(iii): We do not have any amendments to the information already provided.