

### U.S. Trade Representative's "Watch Lists" for Intellectual Property Protection

The United States Trade Representative (USTR) regularly publishes a "Special 301" list (Trade Act of 1974) of foreign countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or fair and equitable market access for U.S. persons or businesses that rely on such protection. The USTR established a list of "Priority Foreign Countries" that (1) have the most "onerous or egregious acts, policies and practices" that have the greatest adverse impact on U.S. products (Special 301 Provisions - "Priority Watch List"), and (2) are not engaged in "good faith negotiations" or making significant progress in negotiations to address the problems (Special 301 Provisions - "Watch List").

Upon identification of these countries, the USTR will then decide within 30 days whether to initiate an investigation of the countries' intellectual property laws and policies (or lack thereof) and also issue a report on the problems with each country and what U.S. persons should be aware of. Countries are grouped into categories based on the severity of the problems associated with intellectual property rights protection. A summary of the 2012 Special 301 Report follows and you can view the entire report (as well as previous reports) on the USTR website at <http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/press-office/reports-and-publications/2012-2>.

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Paraguay: Paraguay continues to have problems with both internal and border enforcement of copyright and trademark protection, and the United States continues to monitor the situation.

#### Priority Watch List:

Algeria	India	Russia
Argentina	Indonesia	Thailand
Canada	Israel	Ukraine
Chile	Pakistan	Venezuela
China		

#### Watch List:

Belarus	Finland	Peru
Bolivia	Greece	Philippines
Brazil	Guatemala	Romania
Brunei Darussalam	Italy	Tajikistan
Colombia	Jamaica	Turkey
Costa Rica	Kuwait	Turkmenistan
Dominican Republic	Lebanon	Uzbekistan
Ecuador	Mexico	Vietnam
Egypt	Norway	