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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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- a. Counterfeit and pirated goods are widely available in many countries. Transactions involving such products are illegal in most countries and bringing them back to the United States **may** result in forfeitures and/or fines.
- b. Intellectual Property encompasses a variety of subject matters, including, but not limited to copyrights, patents, and trademarks. Some examples:
 - Video piracy
 - Music piracy
 - Trademark piracy
 - Software piracy
 - Pharmaceutical piracy
 - Gene patenting
 - Non-copyrightable elements of databases
- c. Various Department offices are responsible for intellectual property issues, including EB, OES, ECA, and L. Consular Affairs (CA) frequently encounters these cases in the context of judicial assistance requests when the matter becomes the subject of litigation or prosecution, see 7 FAM 900.
- d. Various U.S. federal agencies are responsible for intellectual property issues.
 - (1) U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Security, Intellectual Property Rights; and
 - (2) U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Intellectual Property Annual 301 Report.

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