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Vacancy Notice No.: EXT/F/13-33

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Title: Legal/Economic Analyst

Application Deadline (CET): 5 December 2013

Grade: 6

Division: Intellectual Property

Contract Type: Fixed-term

Duration: Two years with the possibility of extension

Starting Salary: CHF 84,399 net per annum
(approximate)

Other Conditions: In accordance with WTO Staff Regulations and Staff Rules and WTO Pension Plan Regulations.

The World Trade Organization offers an attractive compensation package including an annual net salary (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance), dependency benefits, pension plan, health insurance scheme, separation grant and 30 days annual leave. Benefits for internationally recruited staff may include travel and removal expenses on appointment and separation, installation grant, education grant, rental subsidy and home leave.

Additional information on the compensation package is provided on the WTO website:
http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/comp_package_e.pdf

The Secretariat of the WTO is seeking to fill a position of Legal/Economic Analyst within the Intellectual Property Group of the Intellectual Property Division. Serving staff members interested in the position are also invited to apply.

General Functions

Under the supervision of the Director and other senior professional staff, the incumbent will have primary responsibility of focusing on legal, economic and related policy issues concerning intellectual property within the international trade system; the incumbent may also assist in selected aspects of competition policy and government procurement. Key accountabilities will include:

1. Undertaking legal, economic and other analysis and research, contributing to and drafting briefing, explanatory and outreach documents and the preparation of analytical papers and other materials in the substantive areas of work of the Intellectual Property Division; and providing analytical support and background research, as required, for dispute settlement panels. The incumbent will contribute to research and analysis on the interplay between the economic dimension of intellectual property, legal aspects of intellectual property law, and the law and economics of international trade. Additional responsibilities will include technical and analytical support on other trade policy issues addressed by the Division.

2. Assisting in the substantive, diplomatic and procedural aspects of the preparation, conduct and follow-up of official meetings, including those of the Regular and Special Sessions of the WTO Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

3. Assisting in the processing, collation, improved management, and analysis of notifications and other monitoring and trade policy information in the area of intellectual property, and in upgrading and improving usability of related information bases and related information tools managed by the Division.
4. Contributing to, and developing tailored, empirically based studies and training materials for technical assistance and training missions in the field of intellectual property law and policy; participating in seminars, symposia and workshops on related topics both inside and outside the Organization as required.
5. Under the supervision of more senior professionals, providing advice and information to WTO Member delegations, Secretariat colleagues, WTO senior management and other intergovernmental organizations; responding to requests from both within and outside the Secretariat for advice and assistance on the law, economics and policy of intellectual property matters and on other matters as required.
6. Assisting with responses to requests by members of the public for information, and assisting in the on-going maintenance and upgrading of the WTO website in the area of TRIPS.
7. Deepening expertise in technical subject-matter relating to the work of the Division, with a strong concentration on the economics and policy dimensions of intellectual property, based on a thorough understanding of the law.
8. Providing support to the Division's outreach activities, through preparing presentations, briefings and various forms of written materials.
9. Carrying out other tasks as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Advanced university degree in economics or law, with a strong preference for research experience in economics, and equivalent knowledge of and expertise in the law of intellectual property. Familiarity with the law, policy and institutional context of international trade and familiarity with the multilateral system are also desirable.

Knowledge and skills:

Evidence of a wide-ranging interest in and knowledge of the economics, law and policy dimension of international trade; professional experience in the law of intellectual property, either in the practice of law or in a policy context; a proven capability for teamwork; capacity for tact and effective oral communication in a multicultural and international setting; a demonstrated capacity to undertake analytical research of a high standard; and a proven ability to write well, accurately and clearly including on technical subjects for a non-technical audience.

Knowledge of the legal principles of the multilateral trade law system, and in particular the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and other legal and policy aspects of the Agreement.

Work Experience:

Minimum two years' relevant professional experience in the the law, economics and/or policy of intellectual property, preferably within an international trade setting and with at least some exposure to the practice of law in this field.

Languages:

Excellent command of English, both oral and written. Good working knowledge of one or both of the other

WTO languages would be an asset.

Additional Information:

Only applications from nationals of WTO Members will be accepted.

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APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO SIT A WRITTEN EXAMINATION

APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY IF SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

Online applications are strongly encouraged to enable WTO to store your profile in a permanent database.

Please visit WTO's E-Recruitment website at: www.wto.org. The system provides instructions for online application procedures.

All applicants are encouraged to apply online as soon as possible after the vacancy has been posted and well before the closing date - Central European Time (CET) - stated in the vacancy announcement.

Currently accepting applications

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



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