

# **The Fifth Trade Specialised Committee on Intellectual Property under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement**

**9 October 2025, 10:00 – 13:00 (GMT)/ 11:00 – 14:00 (CET) (London + Virtual)**

## **Meeting Report**

### **1. Introduction and Opening Remarks**

The fifth Trade Specialised Committee on Intellectual Property (IP) took place in London on 9th of October 2025. The UK and EU Co-Chairs set the objectives for the meeting.

The Co-Chairs adopted the agenda as published.

### **2. Policy review (policy and legislative developments)**

The UK and EU provided updates on policy and legislative developments on IP.

#### UK

The UK updated on their ongoing consultation looking at potential changes to UK Designs regulation and ecosystem. The UK will keep in contact with the EU once the consultation has completed and the UK has published a government response.

#### EU

The EU updated on the proposed Compulsory Licensing and Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC) legislation that form part of the Patents Package. The EU updated as to where both files are in their respective process. This included the provisional timings for formal approval of the Compulsory Licensing file. The European Parliament adopted its position on the SPC file in February 2024, while discussions are still ongoing in the Council.

#### UK and EU Updates

As per the agreement within the 4<sup>th</sup> IP Trade Specialised Committee both the UK and EU updated on their engagement over the past year and updates on IP Finance, Standard Essential Patents and AI and Copyright policy.

#### *AI and Copyright*

The UK noted the recent expert engagement with the EU on this file and thanked the EU for this informative engagement. The UK then updated on their recent consultation looking at AI and Copyright. The UK noted as part of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, the Government has committed to publish an economic impact assessment, and report on the use of copyright works in the development of AI systems, by 18 March 2026.

The EU provided an update on their work in this area including the recent publication of the AI Code of Practice in July 2025. Additionally, the EU published a template form for the sufficiently detailed summary about the content used for AI training, with the overall aim to increase transparency.

#### *Standard Essential Patents (SEPs)*

Both sides provided updates as to the latest developments in their respective SEPs policy. The UK noted that the public consultation on SEPs closed on the 7th of October. The UKIPO will analyse responses before publishing a formal government response alongside an impact assessment.

The EU noted that they have formally withdrawn the SEPs proposal following its proposed withdrawal in February of 2025.

### *IP Finance*

The UK began with their update on recent engagement and developments in this area, including their upcoming report to be published with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the ongoing research which the UK is undertaking in this space.

The EU noted their own work in this space, including a call for evidence for the preparation of the Impact Assessment of the European Innovation Act which includes issues with access to finance. Both sides noted the helpful discussions between the EU and UK on this policy area in the past and agreed to future engagement.

### **3. Exchange on IP enforcement activities**

Both the UK and EU provided updates on their recent enforcement related activities.

#### UK

The UK began with providing an update on their recent counter infringement campaigns, with an emphasis on driving consumer awareness through effective partnerships. This included recent successful public campaigns on “Fake Always Breaks” and “Fake Toys Real Harms”.

The UK also provided an update on their recent work at both WIPO and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the area of enforcement.

#### EU

The EU gave a presentation on the recently published reports; Report on the Protection and Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Third Countries, Counterfeit & Piracy Watch List and EU enforcement of intellectual property rights: results at the EU border and in the EU internal market 2023. These reports provided insights into IPR deficiencies in third countries that cause the greatest economic harm to EU interest, marketplaces which are reported to place pirated content and counterfeit goods, as well as results for enforcement of IP rights by EU enforcers at the EU border and in the EU internal market.

#### UK

The UK gave a final update on the upcoming publication of a joint report with HM Revenue and Customs and Border Force called, UK Customs Intellectual Property Enforcement Report 2021-2023.

### **4. Any other business**

The UK raised their desire to include enforcement cooperation text in the Memorandum of Understanding between the UKIPO and EUIPO and to begin work under this agreement as soon as possible. The EU confirmed the interest to conclude this MoU and noted that both sides

are working towards such conclusion, and in particular the resolution on the issue of enforcement. .

The EU did not raise anything under the AOB.

## **5. Conclusion**

Both parties thanked one another for the helpful exchange and look forward to the next committee to be held in Brussels.

### **Participation list**

#### EU Delegation

- EU Co-chair of the Specialised Committee on Intellectual Property.
- European Commission Officials.
- Representatives from EU Member States.

#### UK Delegation

- UK Co-chair of the Specialised Committee on Intellectual Property.
- UK Government Officials from the IPO and Cabinet Office.
- UK Mission to the European Union Officials.