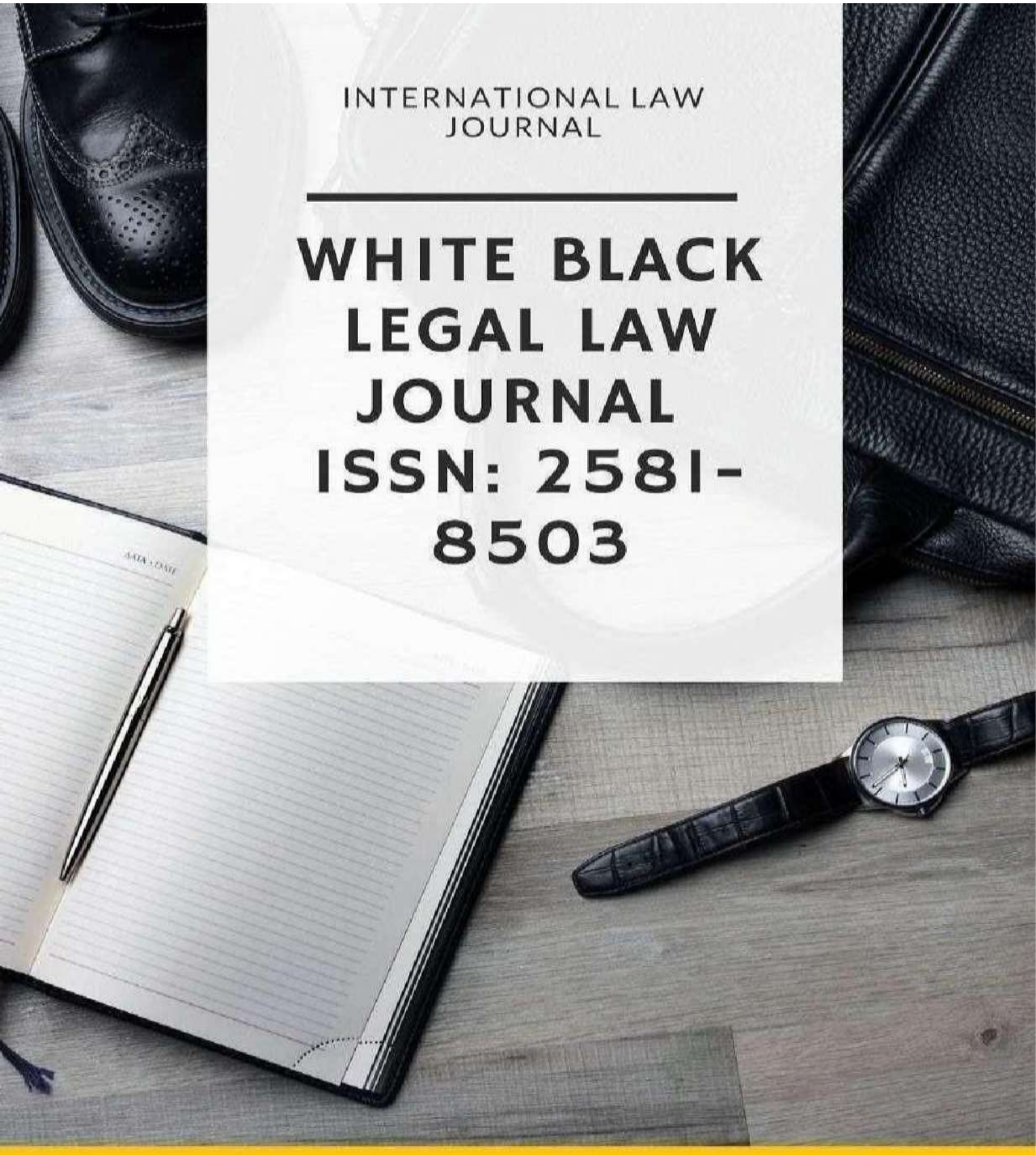

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THE DIGITAL RAMPART IN ENHANCING BORDER MEASURES UNDER TRIPS

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Abstract

This paper examines the framework of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and feasibility of integrating advanced artificial intelligence (AI) technology into the Border Measures outlined in it. The Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement, established by the World Trade Organization (WTO). The TRIPS Agreement was enacted to establish a uniform set of rules for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights among WTO member countries. Its primary goals are to harmonize IP laws, promote innovation and creativity, reduce trade barriers, facilitate economic development, and balance the rights of IP holders with broader societal interests. This comprehensive framework aims to create a more balanced and effective international intellectual property system that supports global economic growth and development. Since its inception in 1995, society has experienced remarkable advancements. In this modern era, the regulations provided by TRIPS can be significantly enhanced and made more efficient through the incorporation of AI to swiftly and accurately identify counterfeit goods. By studying the historical framework of border measures and proposing a forward-looking scope, this paper presents a multidimensional research work. The digitalized procedures for border measures are incomplete without a specialized digital system to scrutinize imported goods. This technological enhancement would greatly contribute to mitigating the import of counterfeit goods and significantly reduce the burden on the authorities.

Keywords: Border-measures, Artificial Intelligence, TRIPS Agreement, Counterfeit Goods

1. INTRODUCTION

The global economy increasingly relies on the creation and dissemination of intellectual property (IP) to fuel its growth. However, many markets face the widespread issue of counterfeit goods across various industries, including stamps, watches, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, FMCG goods, auto components, software, music, and films. This proliferation leads to substantial revenue losses for companies, tax evasion, and the undermining of consumer rights. Industry studies, such as those by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), reveal alarming figures. For example, the FMCG sector reportedly loses about 15% of its revenue to counterfeit goods, with top brands experiencing up to a 30% decline in business due to IP-related crimes.[1]

The multifaceted nature, vast scale, and diversity of this criminal activity pose significant challenges for coordinating an effective response. Factors such as limited consumer awareness and technological advancements contribute to rampant counterfeiting, further exacerbated by lenient enforcement laws that facilitate counterfeiters' activities. Sustained socio-economic growth and industrial competitiveness heavily depend on robust IP protection and enforcement, raising serious concerns about the escalating piracy of IP rights and the production of counterfeit products.

In India, the challenge of combating counterfeit goods and piracy has prompted the implementation of stringent border measures. IP crime, which includes the infringement of trademarks, copyrights, patents, and designs, leads to economic losses, compromises consumer safety, and hinders innovation. To address these issues, India has established border measures to prevent the entry or exit of counterfeit goods and pirated materials. These measures include customs enforcement, where authorities at entry points monitor and seize infringing goods, collaborating with rights holders to identify and detain counterfeit products or pirated materials. Additionally, legislation such as the Customs Act and the Intellectual Property Rights (Imported Goods) Enforcement Rules empowers customs officials to take action against suspected infringing goods at the borders.

[1] "Counterfeiting, Piracy and Smuggling in India – Effects and Potential Solutions", FICCI, *available at:* https://iccwbo.org/news-publications/policies-reports/counterfeiting-piracy-and-smuggling-in-india-effects-and-potential-solutions-2013/ (Last Visited on - 04th July 2024)

1.1 REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The book ***"Big Data and Global Trade Law,"***[2] by ***Mira Burri*** explores the transformative potential of big data and artificial intelligence (AI) in the realm of customs enforcement, particularly concerning intellectual property (IP). Burri delves into how these advanced technologies can enhance the detection and prevention of IP infringements at international borders. She examines the implications of utilizing big data analytics to analyze vast amounts of trade-related information, such as shipment records and transaction data, to identify patterns indicative of counterfeit goods or pirated materials. Furthermore, Burri discusses the legal and regulatory challenges associated with integrating AI-driven tools into customs practices, emphasizing the need for frameworks that balance effective enforcement with privacy and due process concerns. Her work underscores the evolving landscape where technology intersects with global trade law to shape more efficient and equitable enforcement mechanisms.

The book, ***"A Handbook on the WTO TRIPS Agreement"***[3] by ***Antony Taubman, Hannu Wager and Jayashree Watal***, provides a detailed explanation of the TRIPS Agreement, its historical and legal background, its role within the WTO, and its institutional framework. It also dives into specific areas like copyright, trademarks, patents, and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

The book, ***"Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach"***[4] by ***Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig,*** offers a comprehensive and in-depth exploration of the field. Covering core areas like reasoning, planning, learning, and decision making, it provides a strong foundation for anyone serious about understanding the fundamentals of AI. The book is known for its clear writing style and up-to-date content, making it a valuable resource for both students and professionals alike.

The Book, ***"Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property"***[5] by ***Hilty, Lee, and Liu*** explores the legal and social challenges of AI's impact on copyright, patents, and other forms of intellectual property. It delves into the technical aspects of AI, its commercial implications, and even the possibility of AI creations gaining legal rights. This book is a great resource for lawyers, technologists, and anyone interested in how AI will reshape innovation and intellectual property law.

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[2] Mira burri, "*Big data and Global Trade Law"* (Cambridge University Press, 2021)
[3] Taubman, A., Wager, H., & Watal, J. *"A Handbook on the WTO TRIPS Agreement"* (Cambridge University Press, 2012)
[4] Russell, S., & Norvig, P.*"Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach"* (Pearson Higher Ed., Global Edition, 2021)
[5] Lee, J. A., Hilty, R., & Liu, K. C.*"Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property"* (Oxford University Press, 2021)

1.2 HYPOTHESIS

"The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in Border Measures of customs enforcement will lead to a significant reduction in the incidence of counterfeit goods entering global markets."

2. TRACING THE ROUTES OF TRIPS

The origins of the TRIPS Agreement trace back to the early 20th century when international efforts began addressing intellectual property (IP) protection. The Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, adopted in 1925, marked a significant milestone by establishing foundational standards for the protection of inventions, trademarks, and industrial designs across participating nations. Similarly, the adoption of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works in 1886 set crucial benchmarks for copyright protection globally. These conventions laid the groundwork for international cooperation in establishing minimum standards of IP protection, reflecting growing recognition of the importance of safeguarding intellectual creations in a globalized economy.[6] In the post-World War II era, trade in knowledge-based goods and services grew rapidly. This led to increased concerns about the adequacy of existing IP protection regimes. In particular, developing countries were concerned that their lack of strong IP protection was putting them at a disadvantage in international trade.

2.1 The Uruguay Round and the birth of TRIPS

In the aftermath of World War II, there was a rapid expansion in trade involving knowledge-based goods and services. This growth heightened concerns about the effectiveness of existing intellectual property (IP) protection frameworks. Developing countries, in particular, expressed worries that their relatively weaker IP protections were placing them at a competitive disadvantage in global trade.

IPRs were not originally included in the GATT, but they became an important issue during the Uruguay Round. The United States and other developed countries argued that stronger IPR protection was necessary to encourage innovation and investment. Developing countries, on the other hand, were concerned that stronger IPR protection would make it more difficult for them to access essential technologies.

[6] Watal, J., & Taubman, A. *"The Making of the TRIPS Agreement"* (2015).

After seven years of negotiations, the Uruguay Round was concluded in 1994. The Uruguay Round Agreement included the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), which established minimum standards for the protection and enforcement of IPRs. The TRIPS Agreement came into force on January 1, 1995, as part of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement. The WTO is an international organization that aims to promote trade by setting rules and adjudicating disputes.

The TRIPS Agreement is a comprehensive agreement that covers a wide range of IP rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and industrial designs. It also sets out minimum standards for the enforcement of IPRs.

The TRIPS Agreement has had a significant impact on the global economy. It has led to increased investment in research and development, as well as the creation of new technologies. It has also helped to promote the transfer of technology to developing countries.

2.2 Timeline of the TRIPS Agreement

- 1925: Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property is adopted
- 1886: Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works is adopted
- 1986: Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations is launched
- 1994: Uruguay Round is concluded and TRIPS Agreement is adopted
- 1995: TRIPS Agreement comes into force as part of the WTO Agreement
- 2001: Doha Declaration is adopted, calling for a review of the TRIPS Agreement
- 2003: Paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration is adopted, providing a mechanism for compulsory licensing of pharmaceuticals in cases of public health emergencies
- 2015: TRIPS Agreement is amended to allow for the export of pharmaceutical products produced under compulsory licenses
- 2022: WTO members agree to a waiver of the TRIPS Agreement to facilitate the production and supply of COVID-19 vaccines

The history of border measures under the TRIPS Agreement can be traced back to the early 20th century, when international organizations began to address the issue of counterfeit and pirated goods. In 1925, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property was adopted, establishing a minimum level of protection against the importation of counterfeit goods. The Berne Convention for

the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, adopted in 1886, set minimum standards for copyright protection and included provisions for preventing the importation of pirated copies.

3. BORDER MEASURES UNDER TRIPS AGREEMENT

Border control measures encompass procedures employed by nations to facilitate their customs and intellectual property laws, allowing them to restrict the entry or exit of counterfeit or pirated goods within their domestic commercial markets. These measures primarily align with the provisions outlined in Articles 51-60 of the TRIPS Agreement of 1995, serving as the foundational framework for border enforcement. Member nations commit to incorporating these measures into their legal systems, adapting them as needed to safeguard trading channels and protect against the inflow of infringing products.

Their primary purpose is to shield creators, innovators, and rights holders from the infringement of their patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other intellectual property. By enabling countries to implement stringent controls at their borders, these measures aim to curb the import and export of counterfeit and pirated goods.[7] They play a pivotal role in preserving market integrity, fostering fair competition, and ensuring the authenticity and safety of products reaching consumers. TRIPS establishes a framework that empowers member nations to enact measures for identifying, detaining, and disposing of infringing goods, balancing the need to protect intellectual property with facilitating legitimate trade. Ultimately, these measures underpin the foundation for fostering innovation and creativity while maintaining a level playing field in the global market.[8]

Having adhered to the TRIPS regulations to meet the minimum standards for intellectual property protection, India is actively seeking ways to fortify its enforcement measures. In an effort to mitigate the adverse impacts of parallel imports, the Indian Government has introduced the Intellectual Property Rights (Imported Goods) Enforcement Rules in 2007 through Notification No. 47/2007-CUSTOMS (N.T.). These rules establish a registration framework with the Customs Authority, allowing for the lawful interception and regulation of parallel imports from entering authorized trade

[7] Joost Pauwelyn, "Border Measures in the TRIPS Agreement: Balancing Trade Facilitation and IPR Protection" (2014) *Journal of World Intellectual Property Review* (JIPR)

[8] Peter K. *"Border Measures in the TRIPS Agreement"*, (Intellectual Property Law and Economics: A Handbook of Contemporary Research, 2016)

channels. The Customs Authority is granted the authority to intercept, seize, and confiscate goods suspected or found to be infringing on intellectual property rights valid in India. Registration of these rights with the Customs Authority facilitates their inclusion in an electronic database, enabling widespread dissemination across all entry points into India.[9]

3.1 Article 50 of TRIPS agreement[10]

It is one of the most important provisions in the agreement. It sets out the minimum standards for the enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPRs) by WTO members.

Article 50(1) states that the judicial authorities of WTO members shall have the authority to order prompt and effective provisional measures to prevent an infringement of any intellectual property right from occurring, and in particular to prevent the entry into the channels of commerce in their jurisdiction of goods, including imported goods immediately after customs clearance.

Provisional measures are measures that are ordered by a court or other judicial authority before a final decision has been made in a case. They are typically granted in cases where there is a risk that the IPR holder will suffer irreparable harm if the measures are not granted.

These provisional measures include:

- Seizure of goods: The court may order the seizure of goods that are suspected of infringing an IPR.
- Freezing of assets: The court may order the freezing of the assets of the alleged infringer.
- Injunctions: The court may order the alleged infringer to stop infringing the IPR.

Article 50(3) states that provisional measures shall be subject to review, including a right to be heard, upon request of the defendant, with a view to deciding, within a reasonable period after the notification of the measures, whether these measures shall be modified, revoked or confirmed. This means that the defendant has the right to challenge the provisional measures in court. The court will then review the measures and decide whether to modify, revoke, or confirm them.

[9] Unctad-Ictsd, *"Resource Book on TRIPS and Development"* (2005)

[10] *WTO | Intellectual Property (TRIPS) - Agreement* - available at: https://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/31bis_trips_e.pdf.

3.2 Suspension of Release by Customs Authorities

Members shall, in conformity with the provisions set out below, adopt procedures to enable a right holder, who has valid grounds for suspecting that the importation of counterfeit trademark or pirated copyright goods may take place, to lodge an application in writing with competent authorities, administrative or judicial, for the suspension by the customs authorities of the release into free circulation of such goods. Members may enable such an application to be made in respect of goods which involve other infringements of intellectual property rights, provided that the requirements of this Section are met. Members may also provide for corresponding procedures concerning the suspension by the customs authorities of the release of infringing goods destined for exportation from their territories.

3.3 The Application

Article 52 outlines the requirements for right holders initiating procedures under Article 51. It stipulates that those initiating such procedures must provide substantial evidence to demonstrate to the competent authorities of the importing country that there is an apparent infringement of their intellectual property right under the importing country's laws. Additionally, they need to furnish a detailed description of the goods to enable easy recognition by the customs authorities. Following the submission, the competent authorities are obligated to notify the applicant within a reasonable timeframe regarding the acceptance of the application and, if deemed necessary, specify the duration for which the customs authorities will undertake necessary actions.

3.4 Security or Equivalent Assurance

Article 53 deals with the provision of security or a comparable guarantee in relation to intellectual property rights enforcement procedures:

The authorities with jurisdiction have the right to request the applicant to provide a security or an equivalent guarantee that is deemed adequate to safeguard both the defendant and the authorities themselves, preventing any potential misuse of the procedures. However, this requirement should not unreasonably discourage the use of these procedures.

In cases where goods related to industrial designs, patents, layout-designs, or undisclosed information have been detained by customs authorities due to a decision not issued by an independent or judicial body, and the period specified in Article 55 has passed without provisional relief granted by the duly

authorized body, provided that all other import conditions have been met, the owner, importer, or recipient of such goods has the right to obtain their release by posting a security. This security should be sufficient to protect the rights holder against potential infringements. The payment of this security does not impede any other legal remedy available to the rights holder. However, if the rights holder fails to pursue legal action within a reasonable timeframe, the security will be released.

3.5 Notice of Suspension

Under Article 54, The importer and the applicant shall be promptly notified of the suspension of the release of goods according to Article 51.

3.6 Duration of Suspension

Article 55 lays out the duration of suspension regarding the release of goods:

If, within a period of no more than 10 working days after the applicant receives notice of the suspension, the customs authorities have not been informed of the initiation of proceedings by a party other than the defendant leading to a decision on the case's merits, or that the authorized body has taken interim measures to extend the suspension, the goods shall be released. This release will be granted on the condition that all other import or export requirements have been met. In specific situations, this time frame may be prolonged by an additional 10 working days. If proceedings leading to a decision on the case's merits have commenced, the defendant may request a review that includes the right to be heard. This review aims to determine, within a reasonable period, whether these measures should be altered, revoked, or upheld. However, if the suspension of goods release is executed or sustained in accordance with a provisional judicial measure, the stipulations outlined in paragraph 6 of Article 50 will apply.

3.7 Indemnification of the Importer and of the Owner of the Goods

Article 56 states that, The competent authorities hold the power to mandate the applicant to provide suitable compensation to the importer, consignee, and goods owner for any harm suffered due to the unjustified holding of goods or the detention of goods released in accordance with Article 55.

3.8 Right of Inspection and Information Without prejudice to the protection of confidential information

Article 57 lays out that, Members shall provide the competent authorities the authority to give the

right holder sufficient opportunity to have any goods detained by the customs authorities inspected in order to substantiate the right holder's claims. The competent authorities shall also have authority to give the importer an equivalent opportunity to have any such goods inspected. Where a positive determination has been made on the merits of a case, Members may provide the competent authorities the authority to inform the right holder of the names and addresses of the consignor, the importer and the consignee and of the quantity of the goods in question.

3.9 Ex Officio Action

Article 58 addresses ex officio actions by competent authorities when dealing with suspected intellectual property rights infringement:

In cases where Members stipulate that competent authorities must act on their own initiative and halt the release of goods upon acquiring initial evidence of intellectual property infringement:

- The competent authorities are empowered to request information from the right holder at any point to aid in exercising these authorities.
- Both the importer and the right holder must be promptly informed of the suspension. If the importer appeals against the suspension to the competent authorities, the suspension shall be subjected to conditions similar, with necessary adjustments, to those outlined in Article 55.
- Members are only permitted to exempt public authorities and officials from liability if their actions are taken or intended in good faith, and appropriate remedial measures are in place.

3.10 Remedies

Article 59 states that, Without prejudice to other rights of action open to the right holder and subject to the right of the defendant to seek review by a judicial authority, competent authorities shall have the authority to order the destruction or disposal of infringing goods in accordance with the principles set out in Article 46. In regard to counterfeit trademark goods, the authorities shall not allow the re-exportation of the infringing goods in an unaltered state or subject them to a different customs procedure, other than in exceptional circumstances.

3.11 De Minimis Imports

Article 60 states that, Members may exclude from the application of the above provisions small

quantities of goods of a non-commercial nature contained in travellers' personal luggage or sent in small consignments.

4. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE'S CRUCIAL ROLE IN COUNTERFEIT IDENTIFICATION AND ITS CHALLENGES

The artificial intelligence system possesses the capability of image recognition. Image recognition, known as computer vision or image classification within the field of artificial intelligence (AI), involves the analysis and interpretation of visual data extracted from images or videos. Its main goal is to empower machines to automatically recognize and categorize objects, scenes, patterns, and other visual elements present in image or video frames.

4.1 The Computer Vision

The process of image recognition begins with feature extraction, where algorithms extract relevant features from the raw pixel data of an image. These features may include shapes, textures, colors, edges, and other distinctive characteristics that help distinguish one object or scene from another. Advanced techniques such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are commonly used for feature extraction due to their ability to capture hierarchical patterns in visual data.[11] These systems can be implemented to meticulously analyze product images by comparing them against authenticated, genuine product images. They specialize in pinpointing discrepancies in logos, packaging specifics, color palettes, and other visual traits that could suggest counterfeit goods. Utilizing advanced deep learning methods, these AI systems can detect subtle variations that may be imperceptible to human scrutiny, thereby improving the precision and effectiveness of counterfeit detection processes. This capability is especially critical in industries such as fashion, electronics, and pharmaceuticals, where counterfeit items can severely impact brand integrity, consumer well-being, and regulatory adherence.[12]

4.2 Pattern Recognition

AI algorithms can scrutinize sales data to detect irregularities such as unusually low prices or fluctuations in sales volumes that may be indicative of counterfeit goods being sold at below-market

[11] Liu, C. Z., & Ramakrishnan, S. *"Image Recognition"* (Nova Science Publishers, 2020)
[12] Park, K. R., Lee, S., & Kim, E. *"Image and Video Processing and Recognition Based on Artificial Intelligence"* (2023)

rates. This analysis helps identify potential counterfeit products that are priced significantly lower than authentic items. This is known as pattern recognition.In terms of distribution channels, AI can analyze data to uncover patterns such as unusual routes or points of origin for products. For example, detecting products that deviate from typical supply chains or appear suddenly in markets where they are not typically sold can raise red flags for potential counterfeit goods entering the distribution network.[13] AI-powered pattern recognition extends to analyzing product characteristics and quality. Algorithms can compare attributes such as material composition, product specifications, or performance metrics against known standards for authentic products. Inconsistencies or deviations in these attributes may indicate counterfeit items that do not meet the quality or safety standards expected of genuine products.[14]

4.3 Provenance Tracking

Block-chain integration with AI systems enhances the verification of product authenticity and trace-ability across supply chains.[15] Block-chain, known for its decentralized ledger technology, securely records transactions and data across a network of computers. In the context of counterfeit detection and product authentication, AI systems utilize block-chain to track a product's journey from its origin to sale. Each transaction is recorded as a "block" on the block-chain, creating an immutable chain of custody. AI algorithms analyze this data to validate product origins and confirm authenticity through unique identifiers embedded in block-chain records, such as serial numbers or digital signatures. This integration ensures transparency in supply chains, enabling stakeholders to verify the legitimacy of products in real-time.

These AI-based systems play a pivotal role in modernizing and strengthening customs and border control operations worldwide, particularly in the identification and interception of counterfeit goods. By harnessing the power of artificial intelligence, these systems are capable of processing vast amounts of data from shipments and identifying suspicious patterns or anomalies that may indicate the presence of counterfeit products. This capability is crucial in combating the global trade in counterfeit goods, which not only undermines intellectual property rights but also poses significant risks to consumer safety and economic stability.

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[13] Chen, C. *"Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence"* (2013).
[14] Blom, M., Nobile, N., & Suen, C. Y. . *"Advances In Pattern Recognition And Artificial Intelligence"* World Scientific. (2021)
[15] Kumble, G. P. *"Practical Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain"* (Packt Publishing Ltd, 2020)

4.4 The Challenges

Primary challenge is the ***adaptability of counterfeiters***, who continuously evolve their strategies to evade detection. AI systems must constantly update their algorithms and techniques to keep pace with these dynamic tactics, which can be resource-intensive and require ongoing investment in technology and expertise. The accuracy of AI algorithms heavily relies on the quality and availability of data. In regions or industries where data is sparse, incomplete, or biased, AI may struggle to effectively identify counterfeit goods, leading to potential false positives or false negatives. Balancing detection accuracy while minimizing errors remains a critical challenge. The AI-driven surveillance and monitoring raise concerns about privacy infringement and ethical considerations, particularly regarding the collection and use of personal or sensitive data.

Legal and regulatory frameworks also pose challenges, as AI systems must comply with diverse international laws governing data protection, privacy, and intellectual property rights. Integrating AI with existing customs and border control technologies and ensuring interoperability with legacy systems can further complicate implementation efforts.

While AI can automate processes and enhance operational efficiency, human oversight and decision-making remain essential. Complex situations or new scenarios may require human intervention and expertise that AI systems currently lack.

Despite these limitations, AI technologies hold promise in transforming anti-counterfeiting efforts, improving detection capabilities, and protecting consumers and businesses from the economic and safety risks associated with counterfeit goods.

5. CONCLUSION

The Border Measures established within the TRIPS agreement serve as a crucial mechanism for protecting intellectual property rights across international borders. These measures are instrumental in preventing the entry of counterfeit and pirated goods, safeguarding the rights of creators, innovators, and trademark holders. Embracing AI in border measures heralds a new era of fortified defenses against the scourge of counterfeit goods. With each algorithmic advancement and technological integration, we forge stronger shields to protect intellectual property, secure supply chains, and uphold global trade integrity. AI's ability to swiftly analyze vast data sets, detect subtle

anomalies, and predict emerging threats empowers nations to preemptively safeguard their borders with unprecedented precision and efficiency

AI systems in counterfeit detection will be pivotal in verifying the authenticity of imported goods such as pharmaceuticals, electronics, luxury items, and consumer products, ensuring compliance with stringent quality standards. By automating verification processes and decreasing reliance on manual inspections, AI not only mitigates financial risks linked to counterfeit products but also addresses potential health hazards and preserves consumer trust. Despite these challenges, TRIPS border measures play a crucial role in establishing a framework that upholds the integrity of intellectual property rights in the global market, fostering a fair and innovative environment for international trade.

5.1 SUGGESTIONS

- Governments must Invest in advanced AI algorithms, including machine learning models and deep learning techniques, capable of analyzing large datasets and detecting subtle patterns indicative of counterfeit goods.
- Implementing AI-powered systems for real-time monitoring of trade flows and supply chains is very crucial. Enabling continuous surveillance to identify anomalies and deviations from expected patterns that may signal counterfeit activities.
- A Comprehensive integration of data sources from customs declarations, supply chain records, and intellectual property databases are the fuel to these AI systems. Improving the data quality and completeness to enhance the accuracy of AI algorithms will lead to successful Provenance Tracking.
- Provide training programs for customs officials and law enforcement personnel on AI technologies and counterfeit detection techniques will enhance skills and knowledge to effectively utilize AI tools in border security operations.