

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COUNTERING OF UNFAIR
COMPETITION AND ANTIMONOPOLY POLICY
25 April 1996.

The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Peoples Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as «Parties», taking into account the importance and common interest of the Parties to strengthen the countering unfair competition and antimonopoly policy, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties will provide each other with legislative and other normative acts related to the above areas as well as information material in accordance with their functions, including:

1. The legislative and regulatory acts and information materials in the sphere of countering unfair competition and antimonopoly policy.
2. The legislative and regulatory acts and information concerning the protection of consumers rights and interests.
3. The legislative and regulatory acts and informational materials related to advertising activities.

Where possible, the Parties will exchange experience in conducting investigations relating to unfair competition, monopolistic activity and the violation of consumers rights and interests.

Article 2

The Parties shall cooperate in the sphere of countering unfair competition, antimonopoly policy and protection of the consumers rights and interests. In particular:

1. Each Party shall ensure protection of fair competition of entrepreneurs of the other Party operating in its territory.

2. One of the Parties will inform the other party about the facts of counterfeit by providing detailed information and evidence relating to goods imported by the other Party, and the goods that pose a threat to the health and safety of consumers. Another Party in its sphere of its competence should investigate and decide, according to the legislation in force in the territory of its state.

3. The sides will consider the possibility of creating and sharing a database on the two above-mentioned areas of cooperation.

Article 3

As necessary, the Parties will conduct the meetings of experts, seminars, forums and training courses on key issues of cooperation.

Article 4

The parties will support their territorial bodies to establish direct contacts with their counterparts of the other Party, providing guidance and support of cooperation between them.

Article 5

The bodies responsible for implementation of the present Agreement, are:

from the Russian Party – The State Committee of the Russian Federation for Antimonopoly Policy and Support for New Economic Structures;
from the Chinese side – the State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the People's Republic of China.

Article 6

Disputes regarding the interpretation and application of the present Agreement shall be settled through negotiations between the Parties.

Article 7

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing and will be effective to expiration of six months from the date of written notification send by one of the Parties to another on its intention to cease its effect. In this case, this

Agreement shall cease its effect six months after the date of receipt of the notification by the Party.

Done in Beijing on April 25, 1996 in two copies, each in Russian and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

(Signatures)