

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## WTO

## Geneva

### Vacancy Notice No. 372

The Secretariat of the WTO is seeking to fill a position in the Intellectual Property and Investment Division. Applications from men and women are equally welcome. Serving staff members interested in this position are also invited to apply.

CATEGORY AND LEVEL: Professional - P.4<sup>1</sup>

BASE SALARY: P.4 range: with dependants - US\$48,824.-- to US\$63,664.-- net p.a.  
without dependants - US\$45,413.-- to US\$58,886.-- net p.a.

POST ADJUSTMENT:<sup>2</sup> P.4 range: with dependants - US\$45,504.-- to US\$59,335.-- net p.a.  
without dependants - US\$42,325.-- to US\$54,882.-- net p.a.

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: Fixed-term for two years.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS: The functions are related to the responsibilities of the WTO in the area of intellectual property, in particular in regard to the enforcement provisions of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). Under the general supervision of the Director of the Division, the incumbent will be required to:

- (a) assist in the preparation, conduct and follow-up of meetings of the Council for TRIPS and of any subsidiary bodies that may be established by it, particularly in the preparation of working papers and records of meetings;
- (b) act as secretary to dispute settlement panels;

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<sup>1</sup>The position may be offered at a grade lower if the selected candidate does not fully meet the stated qualifications.

<sup>2</sup>This allowance is adjustable according to the movements in the cost of living and to changes in the official United Nations rate of exchange between the US dollar and the Swiss franc. The figures mentioned above, which should be added to the base salary figures, correspond to the exchange rate for November 1996.

- (c) provide advice and assistance to Member governments, including contributing to the Secretariat's activities in the field of technical co-operation;
- (d) assist in other work of the Secretariat relating to intellectual property matters;
- (e) maintain contacts with other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, the intellectual property community, the academic world and other interested parties;
- (f) carry out other tasks as assigned.

**DESIRABLE  
QUALIFICATIONS:**

A university degree, preferably in law. Substantial professional knowledge which will enable the incumbent to carry out effectively the tasks described above. While applicants should have a wide-ranging interest in trade and intellectual property matters, knowledge and experience (five-ten years) in procedures and remedies for the enforcement of intellectual property rights, preferably in both civil law and common law jurisdictions.

Ability to write clearly, concisely and speedily; to establish and maintain good working relations with colleagues and government officials of different nationalities.

**LANGUAGES:**

Excellent knowledge of either English or French, including an ability to write accurately, precisely and quickly in one of these languages. Good working knowledge of additional languages, especially Spanish, would be an advantage.

**APPLICATIONS<sup>3</sup>:**

A formal application should be submitted to:

Director, Personnel Division  
WTO  
Centre William Rappard  
Rue de Lausanne, 154  
CH-1211 Geneva 21  
Switzerland  
Fax No. (4122) 739 57 72

All applications will be acknowledged, although a delay in answering must be expected. Only applicants possessing the required qualifications will be taken into consideration.

**CLOSING DATE OF THIS  
VACANCY NOTICE:**

**15 January 1997**

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<sup>3</sup>Only applications from nationals of WTO member states or former GATT Contracting Parties will be accepted.