

Roundtable on ACTA by TACD

On April 21, 2010, an official version of the consolidated negotiating text of the proposal Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) was published. Next Wednesday, April 28, 2010, the Trans-Atlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD) will host a series of roundtable discussions about the new ACTA text at the US Department of commerce, Washington, DC from 9am to 3pm.

The TransAtlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD) is a trade advisory board to the United States government and the European Commission. The current TACD membership includes 51 EU and 28 US consumer organizations, plus observer members from Canada and one from Australia. (More details on the TACD web page <http://www.tacd.org/>).

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

Note that due to security issues, you have to let Manon Ress know that you want to attend, by Monday morning.

The program for the meeting is as follows:

9AM Introduction and Welcome

EU co-chair of TACD IP Policy Committee: Jill Johnstone, of Consumer Focus, UK

US co-chair of TACD IP Policy Committee, James Love, KEI

Skip Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Trade Agreement Compliance

9:10 AM Panel 1: The impact of ACTA on copyrighted goods

The Chair will be Jill Johnstone, of Consumer Focus, UK.

Leading the discussion initially will be:

Jonathan Band, Policy Bandwidth

Sherwin Siy, Public Knowledge

Professor Peter Yu, Drake University Law School, author of "the Graduated Response."

Gwen Hinze, EFF

Kostas Rossoglou, BEUC

10:30 AM Panel 2: The impact of ACTA on markets for medicine and other patented or trademarked goods and services

Chairing the session will be Judit Rius, of KEI

Leading the discussion initially will be:

Sean Flynn, American University

Rohit Malpani, Oxfam

Peter Maybarduk, Public Citizen

Sophie Bloemen, Health Action International

Emi McLean, MSF

12PM Lunch

1 PM Panel 3: The ACTA negotiating process and the future role of ACTA as an institution.
Chair, TBA. Leading the discussion initially will be:
Professor Susan Sell, George Washington University
David Hammerstein, TACD
Robert Weissman, President, Public Citizen
Joe Karaganis, SSRC
Susan Wilson, US Department of Commerce
James Love, Director, Knowledge Ecology