

SUMMARIES

”I AM ANGRY FOR YOUR SAKE NOT WITH YOU” – SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT EXTENDING THE TERM OF PROTECTION

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On 16th July 2008 European Commission issued a bill raising the protection time of neighbouring rights for artists and sound recorders from the present 50 years to 95. It raised a great astonishment in light of the generally accepted view that raising the protection time would cause problems in access to culture, would increase the burden of administration, and would hinder the social acceptance of copyright in general. Analysing the text the study outlines the opinion of the author concerning the suitability of the bill to realize the aims of the Committee.

CO-BRANDING AND DE-BRANDING BEFORE THE ECJ

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Alteration of the packaging of the products was raised first in the Hoffmann-La Roche case (201/77), then again in the Bristol-Myers Squibb case (C-427/93). In the relatively recent infringement suit started by Boehringer Ingelheim and co-plaintiffs against parallel importers the question was also co-branding and de-branding of repackaged pharmaceutical products. The High Court of Justice (England and Wales) first, then the Court of Appeal as second, referred to the ECJ for preliminary rulings. But even after receipt of the answers (C-143/00, C-348/04), the latter refrained from making a final decision with consideration of a further pending reference (C-276/05).

DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY SINCE THE 1920S

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The article presents the most important milestones of the Hungarian pharmaceutical industry, demonstrates the development manifested in patents. The Hungarian pharmaceutical industry exhibited spectacular progress after the first world war, and there were over 40 pharmaceutical plants and larger laboratories operating by 1939. After the second world war, the nationalization of private companies in 1948 entirely changed the structure of production and research. In the 1950s, the establishment of the Institute for Drug Research was the most significant step. The main element of the changes started in 1990, was the privatization of the companies.