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The Agreement delegating powers of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property is amended

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The General Director of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property issued an agreement through which the delegating powers of said Office are revised. Among others, assigning responsibilities to the Regional Planning Subdivision stands out, including the coordination of Regional Offices.

Initiative to amend various provisions of the Federal Copyright Law

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On September 18, 2023, an initiative was registered with the Congress General Committee to amend the Federal Copyright Law; the purpose is to strengthen the protection of over twelve million artisans against unauthorized appropriation of their works. The proposal includes the participation of institutions such as the National Institute of Indigenous Peoples and the Ministry of Culture to define criteria for original works and to resolve disputes related to their registration. The aim is to maintain authors as perpetual holders of the moral rights to their creations, protect the works of indigenous and Afro-Mexican communities from unauthorized exploitation by third parties, and eliminate plagiarism and fraud affecting artisans.

Applications for Declaration of Protection of Geographical Indications

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The Ministry of Economy published three applications for the Declaration of Protection of the following Geographical Indications:

- *Gabanes of Hueyapan*, of Morelos (garments made with sheep's wool from this region)
- *Catrinatas de Barro* (mud skeletal figures) of Capula, Michoacán (skeletal ceramic figures that are an iconic element of the Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico, originating from this region)
- *Cobre Martillado* (Hammered Copper) from Santa Clara del Cobre, Michoacán (copper handicrafts using the hammering technique being Santa Clara del Cobre their place of origin)

Amendments to the Regulations of the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the International Registration of Marks, in effect from November 1, 2023, and November 1, 2024

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During its 57th session (25th ordinary), the Madrid Union Assembly approved amendments to the Regulations of the Protocol concerning the Madrid Agreement relating to the International Registration of Marks. The changes aim to improve and adjust the international trademark registration process.

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