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GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

India, as a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), enacted the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999 has come into force with effect from 15 September 2003. The source of Geographical origin of the biological material used in invention is required to be disclosed in the specification

Case Study: After Kolkata, Odisha gets GI tag for its own variety of rasagolla; Jul 30, 2019, 17.42 IST



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Integrated Circuits

The Washington Treaty on Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits (IPIC) was adopted by WIPO member states in 1989. Although the Washington Treaty has not entered into force, its substantive provisions have been incorporated by reference in the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement), to a large extent.



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TRADE SECRET

Trade secret is a knowledge that is possessed by an individual or institution and kept secret to prevent others from using the knowledge in a competitive manner.

Period: indefinite period

Registration: no registration required

Novelty or invention is *NOT* a requisite as it is not patented



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Matters covered:

- Formula of a chemical compound
- Process of manufacture, preservation of a material.
- Pattern of a device.
- List of customer, etc.