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The European Commission has published its biannual *Report on the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in third countries* (Third Country Report).

The Third Country Report identifies countries outside of the European Union in which the state of intellectual property protection and enforcement gives rise to the greatest concern and provides an update of the existing Commission's list of priority countries. It aims to improve intellectual property rights protection and enforcement worldwide, as well as inform rights holders, including SMEs, of the potential risks when conducting business in certain countries. For the first time, the Third Country Report contains a dedicated section on the protection of plant variety rights.

The EUIPO, through the Observatory, has supported the creation of the Third Country Report with a number of its studies, as well as provided technical support.

The complete Third Country Report can be found [here](#)