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IP ABUSE PREVENTION AND COMPETITION LAWS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

by

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This paper aims to examine the impacts of competition law on the intellectual property (IP) abuse prevention in China, Japan and Australia. The author will first examine the true nature of the IP abuse conduct in the *Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of IP Rights* (TRIPS). He will then provide a brief overview of the recent development of the Chinese *Anti-Monopoly Law* 2008 and its implementing regulations, particularly IP abuse prevention provision. Furthermore, he will compare and critically examine how Japan and Australia deal with the interface of IP and competition laws, and the likely effects and potential limits of their laws on the IP abuse prevention. The author will also briefly examine the likely impacts of the *Anti-Counterfeit Trade Agreement* (ACTA) and *Trans-Pacific Partnership* (TPP) on IP abuse prevention, including potential risks of abusing IP border protection measures. Finally, by drawing on lessons from the experiences of Japan and Australia, the author will provide some practical suggestions for future law reforms in China and other countries in this challenging area.



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