



OFFICE ORDER NO. 13-115 '13

Series of 2013

**SUBJECT: PAYMENT OF FILING FEE FOR IPR-RELATED COMPLAINTS
AND DEFRAYMENT OF COSTS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES
RELATIVE TO IPOPHL'S ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS**

Section 7 (d) and (e) of the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, as amended by Republic Act No. 10372, grants enforcement powers to the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL), to wit:

"SEC. 7. The Director General and Deputies Director General. –

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(c) Undertake enforcement functions supported by concerned agencies such as the Philippine National Police, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Customs, the Optical Media Boards, and the local government units, among others;

(d) Conduct visits during reasonable hours to establishments and businesses engaging in activities violating intellectual property rights and provisions of this Act based on report, information, or complaint received by the office;"

Pursuant to the above-cited provisions of the law, complaints filed relative thereto shall be deemed as an administrative complaint subject to the payment of filing fees pursuant to Office Order No. 128, Series of 2003 entitled, "Restructuring the Fee Structure of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines."

In addition, any party requesting for a visit and/or other actions relative to the above-quoted provisions shall bear all the costs and expenses, including travel and accommodation, of IPOPHL personnel and other law enforcement agencies conducting the said visit and all other expenses appurtenant thereto.

This Order takes effect immediately.


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