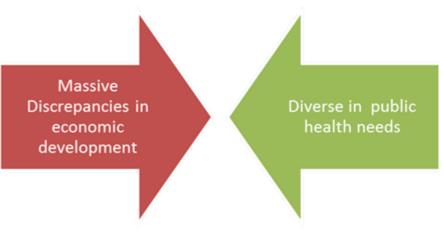


IP and public health The regional perspective

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What do we know about the Asia Pacific Region?





The "IP world": Paris, Berne; Paris and Berne plus (TRIPS); beyond TRIPS Certain national laws **TRIPS** Certain bilateral or regional treaties Berne Certain Paris regional laws IPIC Rome WIPO Internet and other treaties, etc.



What do we know about IP laws?

supranational

WTO Agreements

WTO Dispute Settlement Body

Trade pacts

BITs, FTAs, RTAs

Arbitration

national

Domestic IP legislation Related regulation

National courts



Overriding consideration?



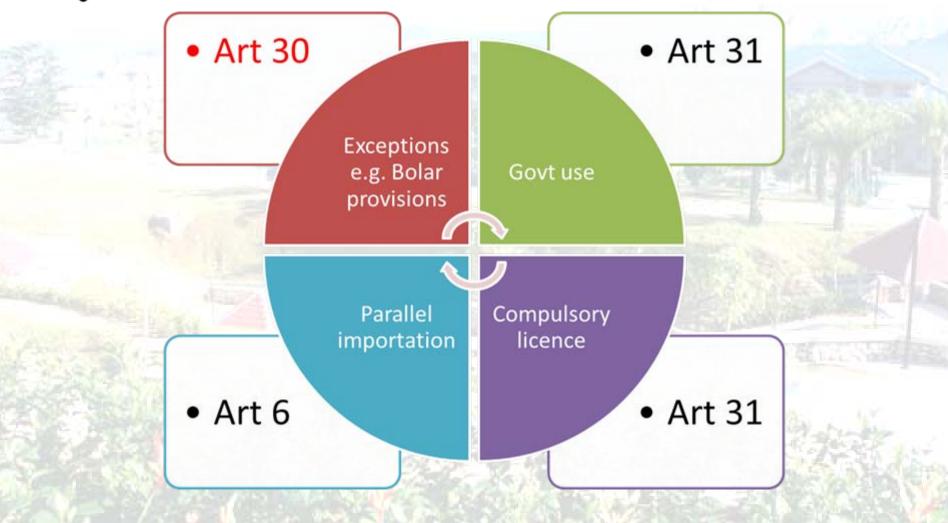
•Members may, in formulating or amending their laws and regulations, adopt measures necessary to protect public health and nutrition, and to promote the public interest in sectors of vital importance to their socio-economic and technological development, provided that such measures are consistent with the provisions of this Agreement

Doha Declaration

- •We agree that the TRIPs Agreement does not and should not prevent Members from taking measure to protect public health"... we affirm that the Agreement can and should be interpreted and implemented in a manner supportive of WTO Members' right to protect public health and in particular, to promote access to medicines for all"
- In this connection, we reaffirm the right of WTO Members to use, to the full, the provisions in the TRIPS Agreement, which provide flexibility for this purpose



TRIPS flexibilities





Between binding minimum standards and policy space

Text

- Textual interpretation? Drafting history
- Purposive? Pro IP or pro health?
- Contradictions? Gaps?

Practical

 How and when can invoke the safeguard?

Strategy

 How to leverage on the flexibilities?

Plain packaging



