



Fiji Islands Revenue and Customs Authority

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FIRCA BEGINS IPR CAMPAIGN

The Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority (FIRCA) has begun its campaign to combat the importation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) infringing goods at our Borders.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Jitoko Tikolevu said that this is subsequent to the recommendations of the World Customs Organisation IPR Diagnostic Review team that visited Fiji in February of this year.

“There are a number of strategic recommendations which have been put forward by the WCO team which was the result of the diagnostic review and the Authority has provided its response to each recommendation. Part of the Authority’s response is the development of an effective and robust legal framework on IPR in Fiji and the strengthening of relations between enforcement agencies which includes the formulation of appropriate MOU’s with these agencies and relevant stakeholders,” he said.

Mr. Tikolevu added that the FIRCA IPR initiative perfectly coincides with Government’s commitment on IPR matters as expressed during the recent WIPO General Assembly.

“A FIRCA IPR Working Group has been set-up to manage the Project which will address the WCO recommendations” Mr. Tikolevu further added.

JITOKO TIKOLEVU
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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