Piracy, Counterfeiting and Copycat Packaging

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scope of the problem

- piracy
- counterfeits
- copycats
- copyists

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piracy of works of art



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counterfeiting of FMCGs



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copycat



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direct copying: Moroccanoil Israel Ltd v Aldi Stores Ltd [2014] ETMR 55



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indirect copying: Gama Healthcare Ltd v PAL International Ltd [2016] EWHC 75 (IPEC)





evocative



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allusive



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cheeky?



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less cheeky?



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just crowded?







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trade marks / passing-off

- distinctive mark / goodwill in the get-up
- confusion or misuse / deception

Big Brands – BIS consultation 2014

- intention to deceive
- private cause of action under CPUTR
- objection to copying *per se*

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