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ABBREVIATIONS

Art(s).	Article(s)
B2B	business-to-business
B2C	business-to-consumer
CD	Community Design
CESL	Common European Sales Law
CISG	Contracts for the International Sale of Goods
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CPC	Community Patent Convention of 1975
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office
CPVR	Community Plant Variety Right
CTM	Community Trade Mark
DCFR	Draft Common Frame of Reference
ECG	European Cooperation Grouping
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EEIG	European Economic Interest Grouping
EEO	European Enforcement Order
EESC	European Economic and Social Committee
EOP	European Order for Payment Procedure
EPC	European Patent Convention
EPO	European Patent Office
ESCP	European Small Claims Procedure
EU	European Union
FE	European Foundation (<i>Fundatio Europaea</i>)
GIE	Groupement d'Intérêt Economique
IP	Intellectual Property
IPR	Intellectual Property Right
JCCM	Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters
LLC	Limited Liability Company
OHIM	Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market
OIs	Optional Instruments
OJ	Official Journal

Abbreviations

OMC	Open Method of Coordination
Para(s).	paragraph(s)
PBR	Plant Breeders' Rights
PECL	Principles of European Contract Law
PETL	Principles of European Tort Law
PVR	Plant Variety Rights
RCD	Registered Community Design
SCE	European Cooperative Society (<i>Societas Cooperativa Europaea</i>)
SE	European Company (<i>Societas Europaea</i>)
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
SPE	European Private Company (<i>Societas Privata Europaea</i>)
SUP	European single-member private limited liability company (<i>Societas Unius Personae</i>)
TEC	Treaty establishing the European Community
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UCD	Unregistered Community Design
UK	United Kingdom
UP	Unitary Patent
UPC	Unified Patent Court
UPOV Convention	Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
US	United States
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization