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01. Introducing new Australian Patent Search

**THIS WILL REPLACE
OUR EXISTING AusPat
SITE LATER THIS YEAR**

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The new patent search uses the same database as AusPat, allowing inventors, industry and researchers to access patent applications lodged and granted in Australia.

The new patent search will replace our existing AusPat site later this year. For now, both are available.... [Read more](#)

02. Guidelines for Examination 2024 enter into force

**NEW GUIDELINES ARE
PUBLISHED IN THE
EPO WEBSITE**

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The new EPC and PCT-EPO Guidelines are published in the EPO's three official languages on the EPO website, where they can be downloaded in PDF format or accessed section by section in HTML format. The PDF version is available both as a "clean copy" and as a version showing all modifications. Within each section of the HTML version, changes in the new edition can be displayed by selecting the "Show modifications" box in the top right-hand corner. A full list of the sections which have been amended, together with corresponding hyperlinks, is published alongside the corresponding... [Read more](#)

03. JPO has revised "Examination Handbook for Patent and Utility Model

**EXAMINATION
HANDBOOK FOR PATENT
AND UTILITY MODEL**

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March 2024

*Revision of the Examination Handbook for Patent and Utility Model
(March 13)*

July 2023

*Revision of the Examination Handbook for Patent and Utility Model
(July 1).... [Read more](#)*

04. Innovation in digital and clean-energy technologies boosts demand for patents in Europe in 2023

**LATEST PATENT INDEX
SHOWS THAT
INNOVATION
REMAINED VIBRANT
AROUND THE WORLD
IN 2023**

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The EPO's Patent Index 2023, published today, shows that innovation remained robust, with companies and inventors filing a record number of European patent applications last year.

Companies and inventors filed 199 275 patent applications at the EPO last year, an increase of 2.9% on the previous year and the highest number to date, according to the latest Patent Index 2023 published today. This follows growth of 2.6% in 2022 and 4.7% in 2021..... "Our latest Patent Index shows that innovation remained vibrant around the world in 2023," said EPO President António Campinos. "The EPO was entrusted with examining more applications than ever before, attesting to... [Read more](#)

05. System for Non-disclosure of Patent Applications

**THE PUBLIC, WOULD
BE HIGHLY LIKELY TO
CREATE A SITUATION
TO UNDERMINE THE
SECURITY**

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On May 1, 2024, the system for non-disclosure of patent applications (hereinafter referred to as the "System") will be introduced under the Economic Security Promotion Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act.") Under the System, if the description etc., of a patent application includes an invention that, if made known to the public, would be highly likely to create a situation to undermine the security of the nation and its citizens through actions taken from the outside, the patent procedures, such as publication of the application, decision of patent grant and decision of refusal, are suspended by a procedure established as "security designation."

A review of whether a patent application... [Readmore](#)

06. New Indian Patent (Amendment) Rule 2024

**INDIAN PATENT RULES
HAVE BEEN AMENDED
AND EFFECTIVE FROM
15TH MARCH 2024**

The Indian Patent Rules have been amended and major changes have been made such as in filing of working statement, reducing timeline for filing request for examination from 48 months to 31 months, issuing of certificate of inventorship to an inventor, filing of Form 3 in the below notification:

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(Department For Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the **15th March, 2024**

G.S.R. 211(E).—WHEREAS the draft of certain rules, further to amend the Patents Rules, 2003 were published, as required under sub-section (3) of Section 159 of the Patents Act, 1970 (39 of 1970), vide notification of the Government of India... [Read more](#)

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07. IPOPHL makes major leap as competent PCT International Authority with designation from USPTO

**TO GAIN THE TRUST OF
ONE OF THE WORLD'S
TOP FIVE IP OFFICES
AND FRONTRUNNERS**

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) has been recognized and designated as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA/IPEA) by the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO), marking its ISA/IPEA designation from a foreign counterpart and making IPOPHL one out of a few IP offices that have gained the USPTO's confidence.

"To gain the trust of one of the world's top five IP offices and frontrunners in innovation is a groundbreaking feat for IPOPHL," IPOPHL Director General Rowel S. Barba said at the signing of the designation on March 6 at the USPTO headquarters... [Read more](#)

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08. It's live! A new, larger list of goods and services for trademarks

**INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNISED
DATABASE OF TERMS
USED TO CLASSIFY
GOODS AND SERVICES
FOR TRADE MARK**

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IP Australia has replaced our list of goods and services for trademark applications with the internationally recognized Madrid Goods and Services list.

The Madrid Goods and Services list is an internationally recognised database of terms used to classify goods and services for trademark applications. Developed and maintained by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for IP offices to use, it contains a wider range of terms than the Australian picklist and will now be our sole picklist.

Aligning Australian classification standards with international best practice reflects our customer-centric commitment to developing new ways to better support and engage with you.....[Read more](#)

09. Madrid e-Filing Now Available in The Gambia

**THE GAMBIA BEING
THE FIRST MADRID
SYSTEM MEMBER IN
THE AFRICAN REGION
TO USE MADRID E-
FILING**

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The Gambia is the latest Madrid System Member PDF, List of Madrid System Members to sign up to WIPO's Madrid e-Filing service. This marks an important milestone in the history of the international trademark system's online filing solution, the Gambia being the first Madrid System Member in the African region to use Madrid e-Filing. And – in another landmark achievement – the first online application for an international trademark registration was filed directly through the website of the Registrar General's Department in the Gambia using Madrid e-Filing just hours after launch of the service...[Read more](#)

10. Libya Streamlines Regulations of Trademark Renewal

**REGISTERED
TRADEMARKS ARE
AFFORDED A
PROTECTION PERIOD
OF TEN YEARS**

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The Libyan Trademarks Office has issued an official decision No. 335 of 2024, aimed at streamlining trademark regulations in the country. This decision mandates the cancellation of all published trademarks that have not been renewed within the legal renewal deadlines as delineated in Article 1257 of Commercial Activity Law No. 23 of 2010, which outlines the following provisions concerning trademark protection:

- Protection Period and Renewal: Registered trademarks are afforded a protection period of ten years, which can be renewed for an identical period or periods upon the request of its owner. This renewal has to be done before the protection period expires, including within the last year... [Read more](#)

11. IPOPHL releases statutory fair use guidelines to clarify rules on copyright exceptions

**FAIR USE ALLOWS THE
USE OF A
COPYRIGHTED WORK
WITHOUT OBTAINING
PRIOR PERMISSION**

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The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) released its fair use guidelines to provide clarity and guidance to Filipino creatives, educators and innovators in fostering a deeper understanding of intellectual property (IP) rights. "Fair use is the bedrock of creativity. It allows artists to produce versions of music, authors to quote from novels, and educators to enhance learning materials. By striking a balance between protection and access, fair use fosters a vibrant cultural ecosystem," IPOPHL Director General Rowel S. Barba said.

Under the Philippine IP code, fair use allows the use of a copyrighted work without obtaining prior permission... [Read more](#)