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1. Schedule of PCT Fees at the JPO

**JANUARY 1, 2021,
THE HANDLING FEE FOR
INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATIONS FILED
UNDER THE PCT WILL
INCREASE BY JPY 200**

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*This article is only for applicants who filed international applications under the PCT, with a receiving Office other than the JPO (RO/JP). **[Important Notice] Increase in PCT Handling Fee from January 1, 2021-** This is to notify you that effective January 1, 2021, the handling fee for international applications filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) will increase by JPY 200. Please take note of the revised total amount that you are to pay, which is provided below.*

	Until December 31, 2020	From January 1, 2021
1. Additional fee (ISA/JP) for an application in English	JPY 126,000	JPY 126,000 (No change)

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2. USPTO and Mexican Institute of Industrial Property announce launch of Parallel Patent Grant Initiative

**USPTO AND THE
MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(IMPI) TODAY ANNOUNCED
THE LAUNCH OF THE
PARALLEL PATENT GRANT
(PPG) INITIATIVE**

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New worksharing agreement makes it easier and faster for U.S. patent holders to obtain corresponding patents in Mexico.

WASHINGTON – The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) today announced the launch of the Parallel Patent Grant (PPG) initiative. Under this new worksharing arrangement, IMPI will expedite the grant of a Mexican patent for businesses and individuals already granted a corresponding U.S. patent. “The PPG is a revolutionary development in our global worksharing cooperation and, more importantly, in our economic and trade relationship with Mexico,” said Andrei Iancu, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of... [Read more](#)

3. TIPO Publishes English Version of the “Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II: Substantive Examination for Invention Patents”

**TIPO HAS RELEASED
ITS ENGLISH VERSION OF
THE “PATENT
EXAMINATION GUIDELINES,
PART II: SUBSTANTIVE
EXAMINATION FOR
INVENTION PATENTS**

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TIPO has released its English version of the “Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II: Substantive Examination for Invention Patents.” This should help to enhance the international IP community’s understanding of Taiwan’s patent examination process and improve services provided to foreign applicants. Those interested are welcome to access the Guidelines below.

Chapter 3 Patentability - According to the Patent Act, Article 46, Paragraph 1, when determining whether a patent right shall be granted on a patent application for invention, the following factors should be considered: definition of invention, industrial applicability, novelty, inventive step, lack of novelty... [Read more](#)

4. Important USPTO Trademark Fee Increases for 2021 and Key Strategies to Consider

**UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE (USPTO)
TRADEMARK FEE
INCREASES FOR 2021 AND
KEY STRATEGIES TO
CONSIDER**

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On January 2, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will implement new trademark fees across a wide range of filings, from trademark applications to renewals and opposition filings in the USPTO. Consult the Summary of FY 2021 Final Trademark Fee Rule for more information. While the fee increases vary per submission, some notable increases may impact strategy considerations for new filings, maintenance submissions and enforcement strategies. To assist in preparation for the 2021 fee changes, we highlight here some of the most relevant fee increases and provide strategies to consider to maximize the allocation of resources in maintenance.. [Read more](#)

5. Glview – New search database for GI Protected at EUIPO

**NEW SEARCH DATABASE
WAS LAUNCHED FOR ALL
GEOGRAPHICAL
INDICATIONS (GIS)
PROTECTED AT EUROPEAN
UNION LEVEL**

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A new search database was launched for all geographical indications (GIs) protected at European Union level. Glview provides a single-entry point for data on GIs registered in the EU, and is a useful asset for consumers, producers and intellectual property professionals. It also contains detailed information on non-EU GIs protected at EU level through bilateral and multilateral agreements, and on EU GIs protected in non-EU countries. The database will be continually updated with official registered data from the European Commission (Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development) and is developed and maintained by the EUIPO. Glview contains data.. [Read more](#)

6. As from February 1, 2021, there is a requirement to state an e-mail address in international application

**FEBRUARY 1, 2021
AN E-MAIL ADDRESS TO
THE REPRESENTATIVE OR
TO THE APPLICANT SHALL
BE SPECIFIED IN ERRANDS
TO WIPO**

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From February 1, 2021 an e-mail address to the representative or to the applicant shall be specified in errands to WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization). This concerns the following WIPO-forms:

- International Application (MM2, MAA)
- Change of ownership or transfer (MM5)
- Separate appointment of representative (MM12)

Failure to indicate the e mail address will result in an irregularity from WIPO. WIPO strongly encourage WIPO representatives to provide the International Bureau of WIPO with email addresses to existing International Registrations through the special page of Contact Madrid <https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/madrid/> ... [Read more](#)

7. Ratification of the Republic of Azerbaijan Deposited with the Director General of WIPO

**RATIFICATION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN DEPOSITED
WITH THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF WIPO**

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On December 9, 2020 the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva Vaqif Sadiqov, with the participation of the EAPO President Saule Tlevlessova, deposited the instrument of ratification of the Protocol on the Protection of Industrial Designs to the Eurasian Patent Convention with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization Daren Tang. Saule Tlevlessova informed Daren Tang on the current stage of the creation of the Eurasian system of legal protection of industrial designs and the process of ratification of the Industrial Design Protocol by the States party to... [Read more](#)

8. Shenzhen Remains Mainland's Leader in PCT, Trademark Filings

**SHENZHEN, A YOUNG
INNOVATIVE CITY IN
SOUTH CHINA, HAS
MAINTAINED ITS
NATIONAL LEADING
POSITION ACROSS MAJOR
IP INDEXES THIS YEAR..**

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Shenzhen, a young innovative city in South China, has maintained its national leading position across major intellectual property indexes this year, with double-digit growth in most areas. The market regulatory department of the city, which oversees IP issues, has improved the legal environment for IP protection and taken new measures to further stimulate motivation in companies toward new technologies, said senior officials at the department. According to the official statistics, a total of 28,000 companies filed 219,000 patent applications in Shenzhen in the first three quarters of this year, posting a year-on-year increase of nearly 17.2 percent. At the same time, about 164,000 patents were granted domestically, up... [Read more](#)

9. Copyright Office Launches Copyright Public Records System Pilot

**U.S. COPYRIGHT
OFFICE LAUNCHED A NEW
COPYRIGHT PUBLIC
RECORDS SYSTEM (CPRS)
PILOT TO THE PUBLIC**

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Today, the U.S. Copyright Office launched a new Copyright Public Records System (CPRS) pilot to the public. The new portal will provide access to the same copyright records for both registration and recordation data that exist in the Copyright Public Catalog but with enhanced search capabilities and improved interfaces for internal and external users. With these enhancements, users should have an easier time finding the exact records they need. The CPRS pilot is also the second Enterprise Copyright System module to launch. While the first module, the electronic recordation system pilot, was released to a limited external audience, the CPRS pilot is available to the entire... [Read more](#)

10. Impact of AI on patent system explored at EPO digital event

**EUROPEAN
PATENT OFFICE (EPO)
CONFERENCE "THE ROLE
OF PATENTS IN AN AI
DRIVEN WORLD" CAME TO
A CONCLUSION TODAY**

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The European Patent Office (EPO) conference "The role of patents in an AI driven world" came to a conclusion today. The two-day online event provided a platform to discuss artificial intelligence (AI), its impact on intellectual property (IP), and the potential benefits it could bring to patent offices. It was the second major online conference hosted in the last half of 2020 by the Office following the mid-year additive manufacturing event. Over the course of two days, the event drew more than 3 000 viewers coming from over 70 countries from Europe and beyond.

António Campinos, EPO President, opened proceedings in a discussion with moderator Alikí Nichogiannopoulou, EPO Operational Director at the EPO. They discussed the... [Read more](#)