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1. Extension of time limits - Ukraine

**EXPIRING
BETWEEN 02 JUNE
2022 TO 01 SEPTEMBER
2022**

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A new extension has been granted for all parties in proceedings before the Office having their residence or registered office in Ukraine. The three-month extension published on 1 June extends all time limits expiring between 2 June 2022 and 1 September 2022, inclusive, until 2 September 2022. This extension follows Decision EX-22-4 of the Executive director, which extended all time limits expiring between 1 April 2022 and 1 June 2022, inclusive, until 2 June 2022, and Decision EX-22-2 which extended all time limits expiring between 24 February 2022 and 31 March 2022, inclusive, until 1 April 2022. On March 9 the EUIPO, in collaboration with the EU institutions, announced a number of measures in response to the military aggression carri... [Read more](#)

2. Hague System: New eHague Feature – Download Documents Directly from your Workbench

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ALWAYS IN YOUR
WORKBENCH - THEY
DO NOT EXPIRE**

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3. Schedule of PCT Fees at the JPO

**EFFECTIVE FROM
JULY 1, 2022**

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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 Fees from July 1, 2022 -
This is to notify you the revised total amount that you are to pay, which is provided below.

	Until June 30, 2022	From July 1, 2022
1. Additional fee (ISA/JP) for an application in English	JPY 168,000	JPY 168,000 (No change)
2. Preliminary examination fee ^(*1) (IPEA/JP) for an application in English	JPY 69,000	JPY 69,000 (No change)

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4. EPO and IP Australia make their PPH fast-track programme permanent

**BOTH THE OFFICES
HAVE AGREED TO
PERMANENTLY
EXTEND THE
AGREEMENT**

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The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programme between the EPO and IP Australia (IPA) becomes permanent on 1 July 2022. The current conditions and requirements for participation will continue to apply.

*The offices have agreed to permanently extend the agreement, following the successful completion of a pilot programme, which was initially launched in July 2016 and extended in July 2019. **The EPO's PPH portfolio** - In addition to this PPH programme, the EPO has operational PPH pilot programmes with the IP5 offices (the grouping of the world's five largest IP offices, made up of the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO).. [Read more](#)*

5. IPONZ - New Patents Examination Manual sections

TO CLARIFY CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP & AGENCY FOR PATENT CASES

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IPONZ has introduced new sections for its Patents Examination Manual to clarify changes of ownership and agency for patent cases.

Sections 129 and 165: Changing the Ownership of Patents or Patent applications - We have created a new section to provide clarity on the process and requirements when the owner/s on a patent case need to be changed.

- [Sections 129 and 165: Changing the Ownership of Patents or Patent applications](#)

Regulations 38-44: Agent changes - We have also created a new section to provide clarity on the process and requirements when the agents on a patent case need to be changed. [Read more](#)

6. Patent Prosecution Highway program with European Patent Office to continue

AUSTRALIA & EUROPE ARE CONTINUING THE PPH PROGRAM

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Following the success of the pilot phase, IP Australia and the European Patent Office (EPO) have agreed to continue the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program.

Making the program ongoing means Australian applicants can continue to request fast-track examination of their corresponding patents filed with the EPO, the 2nd most popular destination for Australian patent filings overseas. The IP Australia-EPO PPH program covers both Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Paris Route applications.

Through this, IP Australia and the EPO are able to use the work previously done by the other office.

You can find more information about the IP Australia.. [Read more](#)

7. The EAPO will start acting as an International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT from July 1, 2022

**THE AMOUNTS OF FEES
PAID ARE PUBLISHED
ON THE EAPO WEB
PORTAL**

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The Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) informs all interested parties that from July 1, 2022, the EAPO will start operations as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). The decision to appoint the EAPO as an ISA and IPEA was made at the 53rd session of the Assembly of the PCT Union, which took place in October 2021.

The amounts of fees paid for international search and international preliminary examination and other actions performed by the EAPO in connection with the performance of the functions of ISA and IPEA are published on the EAPO... [Read more](#)

8. National Collection of Switzerland Now Available in PATENTSCOPE

**WIPO'S GLOBAL
PATENT SEARCH**

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The national patent collection of Switzerland is now available in WIPO's global [patent search system PATENTSCOPE](#).

It includes over 722,150 patent documents. Among which over 474,400 titles are in German, 135,980 in French, 52,890 in English and 10,910 in Italian.

The addition of the national collection of Switzerland brings to 75 the number of national/regional collections available in PATENTSCOPE and to 100 million the number of national/regional collection documents –

it is recalled that documents are aggregated in PATENTSCOPE: republications do not count as one document. [Read more](#)

9. India - Public notice in respect of filing of sequence listing of nucleotides/amino acids compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26

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Office of CGPDTM, Mumbai Govt. of India

PUBLIC NOTICE- WIPO Standard ST.26 - All Sequence Listings that are part of an international application filed on and after 1st July 2022 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty must be compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26.

"WIPO Sequence" is a free global software tool that enables patent applicants to prepare amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26. For using this tool, please visit <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence/index.html>

It is further clarified that sequence listings compliant... [Read more](#)

10. China Joins WIPO's Hague System and the Marrakesh Treaty

**BOTH OF THESE
TREATIES ARE ENTERS
INTO FORCE IN CHINA
ON MAY 5, 2022**

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During the opening ceremonies of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games in February 2022, China officially deposited its instruments of accession to World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Director General Daren Tang. The accession documents were for China to join The Hague System and the Marrakesh Treaty. Both of these treaties took effect in China on May 5, 2022. China became the 68th contracting party to the 1999 Geneva Text and the 77th member state of the Hague Union. The Hague Agreement was first adopted in 1925, establishing an international system that allows industrial designs to be protected in multiple countries or regions with... [Read more](#)

11. Streamlining the trade mark opposition process – AU

**THE INTENTION
TO OPPOSE FORM IS
UPDATED**

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We are working hard to improve your experience when managing your IP rights. Currently we are updating the way you file a trade mark opposition to provide a modern, intuitive, and streamlined process that makes filing an opposition to the registration or removal of a trade mark faster and easier. Our first change is to the notice of intention to oppose form. This form is the first step in filing an opposition to the registration or removal of a trade mark. The new, improved form is available for use now.

What has changed? - We have made the process simpler by providing a structured notice of intention to oppose form through our online services platform. You can now access, complete and lodge the notice of intention to oppose form as you... [Read more](#)

12. Fast-track patent examination launched with Saudi Arabia

**ENTERS INTO FORCE
ON 1 JULY 2022 FOR
AN INITIAL 3-YEAR-
TERM**

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The EPO and the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) are launching their joint Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot programme to enable accelerated treatment of patent applications in both regions. The agreement enters into force on 1 July 2022 for an initial 3-year-term. This follows the signing of a Reinforced Partnership agreement in November 2021 and the renewal of an overarching Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral co-operation between the EPO and SAIP in June 2022. Under the pilot programme, applicants whose claims have been examined by the EPO or SAIP may ask for accelerated processing of their corresponding application at the other office. The two offices will also share existing work results and data... [Read more](#)

13. Quality Management Manual for Design Examination- JPO

**TO ACHIEVE THE
FAST & UTMOST
QUALITY IN DESIGN
EXAMINATION**

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The JPO has released the third edition of its "Quality Management Manual for Design Examination" (the "Quality Manual"). This Quality Manual is designed to document the quality management system for design examination that consists of quality management and its implementation system in line with the fundamental principles stipulated by the Quality Policy released in August 2014. The JPO published the first edition in August 2014, and the contents are updated when the JPO implements new initiative related to the quality management of design examination. Following a review of its quality management system to deal with changes in the social environment in the COVID-19 pandemic and the DX... [Read more](#)

14. Madrid e-Filing Now Available to Japanese Brand Owners

**ONE SERVICE
COVERING THE WHOLE
REGISTRATION
PROCESS**

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Good news! From June 1, 2022, Japanese trademark holders looking to protect their marks internationally through WIPO's Madrid System, can apply online using the Madrid e-Filing service directly via the website of the Japan Patent Office (JPO). Adoption of Madrid e-Filing by the JPO brings the number of offices using the service to seventeen. Of the seventeen, the JPO has the highest volume of international applications (ranking #7 in 2021 among the top origin of international applications). The Madrid e-Filing service enables Japanese users to electronically file international applications, by-passing a cost-and time-consuming development of our Office's own IT system. In response to the growing need of transitioning from paper to digital... [Read more](#)

15. Taiwan Signs MoU with India to Bolster IPR Cooperation

**JOINTLY FACILITATE
ACTIVITIES IN
EXCHANGE OF IP
AWARENESS
CAMPAIGNS**

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The Taiwan-India MoU on Intellectual Property Rights was signed by Representative Baushuan Ger of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India and Director General Gourangalal Das of the Indian Taipei Association at the High Level India Taiwan Business Roundtable on May 18, 2022. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Vice Minister Chuan-Neng Lin of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Director General Shu-Min Hong of the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office. The exchange of diplomatic instruments was subsequently completed on June 6, opening a new chapter of cooperation between Taiwan and India in the field of IPR. Under the framework of this MoU, both sides will jointly facilitate activities such as expert exchange programs... [Read more](#)

16. New equivalent amounts in some PCT-fees are established - Sweden

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International filing fee: 13,470 SEK

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: 150 SEK

Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):

- Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format): 2,020 SEK*
- Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format): 3,030 SEK*
- Handling fee: 2,020 SEK... [Read more](#)*