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## 01. Revised version of WIPO Standard ST.26

**VERSIONS 1.5 & 1.6  
DON'T DIFFER IN  
SUBSTANCE. THIS  
MEANS BOTH  
VERSIONS COMPLY  
WITH FORMALITIES  
REQUIREMENTS.**

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*On 1 July 2022, IP Australia implemented WIPO Standard ST.26 version 1.5. This requires all new patent applications that include nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, to be presented in the WIPO Standard ST.26 file format.*

*This applies to Australian national patent applications as well as international PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty) applications.*

*In November 2022, at the tenth session of the Committee of WIPO Standards, a revised version of WIPO Standard ST.26, version 1.6 was agreed to and will take effect from 1 July 2023.*

*Versions 1.5 and 1.6 don't differ in substance. This means that sequence listings filed in accordance with either version will comply with our formalities requirements.....[Read more](#)*

## 02. Bundled information on the Unitary Patent

**THIS PUBLICATION IS  
AVAILABLE IN  
ENGLISH, FRENCH AND  
GERMAN LANGUAGES**

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*In the run-up to the entry into operation of the Unitary Patent system on 1 June 2023 the EPO has published a supplementary edition of the Official Journal, listing decisions and notices, as well as a guidance for the payment of fees, expenses and prices in relation with the Unitary Patent...*

*Titled "Information on practice and procedures before the EPO relating to the European Patent with unitary effect", the bundled-up supplementary edition will enable users to find all relevant UP-related information in a single, comprehensive publication and acquaint themselves with the new provisions in a timely manner. The supplementary publication includes details about information given in the European Patent Register.....[Read more](#)*

## 03. IP Australia fee review 2023/24

**PUBLIC  
CONSULTATION  
PERIOD IS NOW OPEN  
FOR SUBMISSIONS BY  
SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023**

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*IP Australia is scheduled to undertake a fee review during the 2023-24 financial year. Learn about how you can get involved. Closeup of female's hands, typing on laptop with left hand and holding a pen in her right hand. In the front of frame is a calculator sitting on a pile of papers.*

*Why review our fees? The aim of this review is to assess the entity's cost recovery arrangements, in accordance with the Australian Government Charging Framework, and to ensure IP Australia's fees are consistent, transparent and recover the costs associated with administering the IP rights system in Australia.....[Read more](#)*

## 04. Europe embarks on a new era of patent protection

**NEW PATENT REGIME  
FURTHER SOLIDIFIES  
EUROPEAN'S  
STANDING AS A  
CRITICAL GLOBAL  
MARKET FOR  
INNOVATION AND  
INVESTMENT**

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*1 June marks an historic day for patent protection in Europe with the entry into operation of the much-anticipated Unitary Patent system. The launch represents the most significant development in the European patent landscape since the signing of the European Patent Convention 50 years ago.*

*The Unitary Patent system brings a host of substantial improvements for users everywhere, including cost reductions, streamlined procedures, increased transparency, and enhanced legal certainty.*

*Starting 1 June, users can apply for a single patent through a single procedure, subject to a single renewal fee in a single currency, and litigate under a single legal system before the Unified Patent Court (UPC). The UPC, which also commences its operations today, makes a centralised enforcement system for patents a reality, and allows users to file cases at the European level. ....[Read more](#)*

## 05.SAIP Designates CNIPA as PCT ISA/IPEA

### **CNIPA HAS BECOME THE PCT ISA/IPEA**

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*Under a letter of intent on Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) cooperation between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP), since May 1, 2023, the CNIPA has become the PCT International Searching Authority (ISA)/ International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international patent applications in English or Arabic (attached with English translation) issued by nationals or residents in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which has been officially affirmed by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).....[Read more](#)*

## 06. Oman: Cancellation of Some Official IP Fees

### **ACCORDINGLY, ABU- GHAZALEH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (AGIP) WILL AMEND ITS SCHEDULE OF CHARGES**

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*The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion (CIIP) in Oman has announced that the official fees of some IP services provided by the Ministry have been canceled starting May 30, 2023.Pursuant to Ministerial Decision No. 292/ 2023, the official fees of the following IP services have been eliminated for both individuals and companies:*

- Obtaining a copy of the post-grant patent for companies.*
- Obtaining a copy of the post-grant patent for small businesses.*
- Obtaining a copy of the patent after granting it to students and researchers.*
- Obtaining a copy of the corporate patent register.*
- Obtaining a copy of the patent register for small enterprises.*
- Obtaining a copy of the patent register for students and researchers.*
- Obtaining a copy of the corporate patent register....[Read more](#)*

## 7. Madrid Monitor Has Brand New Features!

**SWITCH TO THE NEW VERSION OF MADRID MONITOR BY CLICKING THE 'DESIGNATION STATUS' HYPERLINK IN THE BANNER AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE**

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*Understanding the status of trademark protection in designated Madrid System members just got easier!*

*We have released a new version of Madrid Monitor under our eMadrid digital gateway, featuring a new "Designation Status" tab, to give you a clearer overview of the status of protection in each Madrid System member for any international trademark registration.*

### **What's new?**

*A banner at the top displays the main information: logo, holder, expiration and registration dates and classes of goods and services of the registration.*

*The new "Designation Status" tab helps you identify the status of protection in each designated Madrid System member.*

*If you click any designation, Madrid Monitor will display...[Read more](#)*

## 8. UKIPO Issues New Trademark Guidance on NFTs, the Metaverse and Virtual Goods

**VIRTUAL GOODS ARE INTANGIBLE ITEMS THAT REPRESENT REAL LIFE ASSETS. THEY ARE TRADED IN ONLINE COMMUNITIES/GAMES**

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*On April 3, 2023, the UK Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO) issued much needed guidance on how digital goods and services – namely non-fungible tokens (NFTs), virtual goods, and services provided in the metaverse – should be classified for trademark purposes.*

### **NFTs**

*The UKIPO defines an NFT as "a unique unit of data (the only one existing of its type) that links to a particular piece of digital art, music, video etc. and that can be bought and sold." An example of an NFT is the first ever Tweet, which was sold by Jack Dorsey, co-founder of Twitter, for \$2.9 million.*

*The UKIPO states that the term "non-fungible token"....[Read more](#)*

## 9. The Hague System Strengthens Its Security with Multi-Factor Authentication: Coming June 28, 2023!

**THIS ENHANCED  
SECURITY LAYER WILL  
AID IN THWARTING  
ANY UNAUTHORIZED  
ACCESS**

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*The Hague System is taking a proactive leap in strengthening its security measures by introducing and implementing Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), a robust and transformative security mechanism, for accessing Hague System online services.*

*Starting from June 28, 2023, you will need more than just a password to log in to access Hague System online services. You will also be required to register at least one MFA option in your WIPO account to authenticate your identity securely.*

*Why is the Hague System launching MFA?*

*As digital technology and business are increasingly interconnected, the need for advanced security mechanisms to protect sensitive data is more critical than ever.....[Read more](#)*

## 10. U.S. Copyright Office Issues a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Agreement-Based Counterclaims Before the Copyright Claims Board

**JUNE 20, 2023, AT  
11:59 P.M. EASTERN  
TIME - FOR  
SUBMITTING  
WRITTEN COMMENTS  
ON THIS PROPOSED  
RULE & INSTRUCTN'S**

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*The Copyright Office issued a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding Copyright Claims Board procedures governing "agreement-based" counterclaims. These counterclaims can be brought only in response to an infringement claim and must be based on an agreement (for example, a contract) covering the same circumstances as the infringement claim. Further, these counterclaims can only be brought if the agreement at issue could affect the relief awarded to the claimant for their infringement claim. The proposed rule contains requirements for asserting or responding to agreement-based counterclaims as well as standard interrogatories and.....[Read more](#)*

## 11. The Russian Federation Joined the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin (AOs) and Geographical Indications (GIs)

**THIS SYSTEM  
GUARANTEES THE  
RELIABLE PROTECTION  
OF AOs & GIs ON  
TERRITORIES OF  
CONTRACTING  
PARTIES**

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*On May 11, 2023, Deputy Head of Rospatent Victoria Galkovskaya deposited with Deputy Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Binying Wang the instrument of accession of the Russian Federation to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin (AOs) and Geographical Indications (GIs). The ceremony took place at the WIPO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.*

*With accession to the Lisbon System, applicants will have a new legal instrument that simplifies the procedure for registering AOs and GIs in more than 70 countries. To register an AO or GI abroad, an applicant would have to file one application, pay one....[Read more](#)*

## 12. Translation Requirements for XML Serialization have been Relaxed in Compliance with WIPO ST.26 Standards – With the Changes Effective Immediately

**ONLY THE INVENTION  
TITLE, APPLICANT, &  
INVENTORS NEED TO  
BE TRANSLATED INTO  
CHINESE**

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*TIPO has implemented the WIPO ST.26 standard since August 1, 2022. In order to enhance the convenience of preparing Chinese translations of XML sequences and expedite the application process, we have relaxed the Chinese translation requirements for XML sequences, effective immediately. Only the invention title, applicant, and inventors need to be translated into Chinese. Other specific limited term contents are no longer required to be translated. For applications notified by TIPO of any missing Chinese translations in the XML sequence, if they meet the criteria of the relaxed..[Read more](#)*

## 13. Case examples of related designs which were registered as designs including a graphic image

### **GRAPHIC IMAGES FOR UNDERSTANDING THE SIMILARITY OF USAGE AND FUNCTION**

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*Act for Partial Revision of the Patent Act, etc. (Act No. 3 of May 17, 2019) came into effect on April 1, 2020, and the design of graphic image, building and interior have been included to be the subject matter that is protected as a design under the Japan's Design Act.*

*Many companies, etc. have shown their deep interest in the situation of filed and registered applications of designs including a graphic image.*

*Accordingly, among the designs which were registered as principal / related designs, we release some helpful case examples of designs including a graphic image for understanding...[Read more](#)*

## 14. Republic of Armenia: The Intellectual Property Office announces the start of receiving applications with 3D models

### **IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SUBMIT INVENTION AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN APPLICATIONS USING 3D MODELS**

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*The Republic of Armenia has joined the number of states of the Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) where this possibility has been implemented in the patent offices. Previously, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Tajikistan started working with digital three-dimensional models in the field of intellectual property.*

*"The Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia has implemented an option to file applications with 3D models", - the official website of the office says. — "Starting today, it will be possible to submit invention and industrial design applications using 3D models".....[Read more](#)*



## 15. European Commission's Draft Standard Essential Patents Regulation puts the emphasis on patent valuation

**IT SHOWS A KEEN  
INTEREST IN THE  
VALUATION OF  
STANDARD ESSENTIAL  
PATENTS**

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*With only a few minor tweaks to the various leaked versions we saw beforehand, the European Commission went forward with its Standard Essential Patents (SEPs) Regulation Proposal. The valuation of SEPs is at the core of the draft regulation.*

*At its core, the draft regulation reflects the European Commission's desire to take further ownership of the valuation of standard essential patents. The planned SEPs regulation is written from the perspective of enhancing transparency in markets for standard essential patents and fostering predictability of wireless communications markets.*

*In this spirit, the proposal is eager to establish further clarity as to what is and what is not a standard essential patent. It also shows a keen interest in the valuation of standard essential patents.*

*The draft regulation foresees (1) the establishment and maintenance of an electronic register and database for SEPs; (2) the establishment and administration of a system for assessing the essentiality of SEPs; (3) the creation and administration of a process for FRAND determination and (4) the administration of a system for an aggregate royalty rate determination. All of this is to be administered by the EUIPO, the European Union Intellectual Property Office.*

*It is remarkable that among the many valuation approaches that exist to determine the economic worth of SEPs, the European Commission has opted for an aggregate ex-ante rate for the standard. Such an aggregate is to be determined....[Read more](#)*

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