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1. Indian Patent Office (IPO) Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2021

**IPO ADDED ONE MORE
APPLICANT TYPE I.E.,
EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTION &
AMENDED FORM-28 FOR
THE SAME**

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G.S.R. 646(E).— Whereas the draft of certain rules, further to amend the Patents Rules, 2003 was 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 in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) number G.S.R. 106 (E), dated the 09th February, 2021 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby before the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date on which copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification were made available to public; And, whereas, copies of the Official Gazette... [Read more](#)

2. LPO completes the digitisation of its trademark and design dossiers to reduce paper usage within the office

**LPO AIMS TO ENABLE
EASY AND RAPID ACCESS
TO DOCUMENTATION
AND DATA RELATED TO
TRADEMARK & DESIGN
DOSSIERS**

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On September 8, the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia (LPO) implemented the European Cooperation Project "Capture and Store Historical Files" of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), by completing digitisation process of trademarks and designs dossiers. In total, 97,165 dossiers were digitised. By implementing this project, the LPO has taken further steps in the digitisation of its activities and is closer to introducing the principles of paperless office in terms of document circulation. The main benefit of this project is an accessibility of dossiers within the LPO document circulation system, which means that these documents are available on daily basis regardless of the physical location of the employees of the LPO, these docume... [Read more](#)

3. IP Australia joins DESIGNview

**IT GIVES AUSTRALIAN
DESIGNERS AND
BUSINESSES ANOTHER
AVENUE FOR EXPOSURE
TO THE GLOBAL
MARKETPLACE**

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IP Australia continues to support the global IP community by joining DESIGNview, an initiative of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). DESIGNview is an online tool which gives access to design applications and registrations provided by 73 participating offices. DESIGNview will enable other IP offices to easily find Australian designs which will help in their consideration as part of the prior art base. With the addition of more than 220,000 industrial designs from IP Australia, DESIGNview now provides information and access to more than 18 million designs in total. Since the introduction of DESIGNview on 19 November 2012, the tool has served more than 6.7 million searches from 163 different countries, with the UK... [Read more](#)

4. TIPO to Incorporate Changes Introduced by Locarno Classification (13th Edition) September 1st, 2021

**TIPO - THE NEW
CLASSIFICATION IS
APPLICABLE TO DESIGN
APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED AFTER 1ST
SEP. 2021**

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TIPO has updated its classification list of industrial designs in accordance with the 13th edition of the World Intellectual Property Organization's Locarno Classification for Industrial Designs (effective since 2021); changes include newly added categories for various arrangements of shop interiors and window displays as well as emerging technologies such as virtual reality devices.

The new classification list has been published on the TIPO website and is applicable to design applications submitted after September 1st, 2021... [Read more](#)

5. EPO and ARIPO launch major training programme

**HELPING TO MAKE
OPTIMAL USE OF
AVAILABLE RESOURCES
AND AVOID
DUPLICATION OF
EFFORTS**

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In an online ceremony on 8 September, EPO President António Campinos together with the heads of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the national patent offices of Angola and Ethiopia launched the virtual Regional ARIPO Patent Examination Training programme (ARPET programme). This is the largest ever training programme undertaken by the EPO with offices outside Europe. More than 100 participants from ARIPO and the national offices of its 20 member states, as well as of Angola and Ethiopia, will participate in the 18-month ARPET programme, which provides a modular, competency-based training framework and curriculum. The participants will receive training from EPO and... [Read more](#)

6. China-Canada Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Extended for another Five Years

**THE CHINA-CANADA
PPH PILOT PROGRAM
WAS INITIALLY
LAUNCHED ON
SEPTEMBER 1, 2013**

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According to a decision jointly made by CNIPA and CIPO, the PPH pilot program between China and Canada will be extended for another five years between September 1 2021 and August 31, 2026. Relevant requirements and procedures to submit PPH requests to the two offices remain unchanged.

The China-Canada PPH pilot program was initially launched on September 1, 2013. It has been extended twice and the termination date after the last extension is August 31, 2021. (Translated from CNIPA Website Chinese Version)... [Read more](#)

7. IP Australia - Improvements to the designs system

**IP AUSTRALIA
THESE ALL
CHANGES WILL COME
INTO EFFECT
FROM 10 MARCH 2022**

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Changes to help designers and improve the registered designs system are now law. These changes will provide more flexibility during the early stages of seeking design protection. Key changes include: **1.** Introduction of a grace period. **2.** Simplification of the design registration process.

What is a grace period? - A grace period is a set length of time after publicly disclosing your design where you can still file an application for design protection without affecting its validity. This means you can make your design public up to 12 months before applying for a design right. All without losing your ability to get IP protection. Currently, your registered design can't be certified if you made it public before applying. This... [Read more](#)

8. U.S. Copyright Office Proposes Rules for Initiating Copyright Claims Board Proceedings

**THE COPYRIGHT
OFFICE WELCOMES
COMMENTS ON THE
PROPOSED PROCEDURES
BEFORE OCTOBER 29,
2021**

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The U.S. Copyright Office has issued a proposed rule to establish procedures governing the initial stages of proceedings before the Copyright Claims Board (CCB). The proposed rule also establishes requirements regarding the directory for designated service agents. Initial public comments are due on October 29, 2021. Reply comments are due on November 15, 2021.

The Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act of 2020 directs the Register of Copyrights to establish regulations for all stages of a proceeding before the CCB. The proposed rule includes procedures for the initial stages of the proceeding, including the following:

- Filing an initial claim,... [Read more](#)

9. Launch of an improved EUIPN Website

**THE PROJECT WILL
CARRY ON THROUGH
2021 AND NEW
FEATURES WILL
GRADUALLY BE
IMPLEMENTED**

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The EUIPN is the hub that brings together the national and regional IP offices of the EU, the EUIPO, and its international partners and customers. It aims to build a stronger IP network within the European Union. As part of the Strategic Plan 2025 and to mark the 10-year anniversary of the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN), the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) launched an improved version of the EUIPN website. This brand-new website, with a new look and feel and new features provides an enhanced user experience. Besides tools and practices, a new section presents the European Cooperation Projects (ECPs). It also includes a new rotating banner with latest news. For each tool, practice... [Read more](#)

10. JPO Holds Online Seminar on Significance of IP at Start-ups, Jointly with Indian Government

**DPIIT & CGPDTM HAVE
HELD JOINT JPO-DPIIT
REVIEW MEETINGS TO
STRENGTHENING THE
COOPERATIVE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
JPO & IN THE FIELD OF IP**

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Since 1996, for more than 25 years, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) has been conducting cooperative initiatives with India in the field of intellectual property (IP), such as conducting training programs for members of the Indian government. Also, since 2017, the JPO and the Indian government have been holding JPO-DPIIT Review Meetings as another means to strengthen the cooperative relationship between the Indian government and Japan. As part of the ongoing cooperative initiatives between Japan and India, the JPO, in cooperation with the Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) of India, held a seminar online on August 31st, 2021, to raise awareness on IP. The seminar, which was designed for startups, was titled the "Importance of... [Read more](#)*

11. The United Arab Emirates Join the Madrid System

**THE PROTOCOL
WILL ENTER INTO FORCE
FOR THE UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES ON DECEMBER
28, 2021**

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On September 28, 2021, the Government of the United Arab Emirates deposited its instrument of accession to the Madrid Protocol with WIPO Deputy Director Generals Binying Wang and Hasan Kleib, making it the 109th member of the Madrid System, which now covers 125 countries. This also makes it the third country in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), alongside Bahrain and Oman to join the Madrid Union. The Protocol will enter into force for the United Arab Emirates on December 28, 2021. Starting December 28, 2021, local brand owners in the United Arab Emirates will be able to start using the Madrid System to protect their trademarks in the 124 territories of the System's other 108 members by filing a single international... [Read more](#)

12. Syria Signs an Agreement with the WIPO to Establish Technology and Innovation Support Centers

**SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
& THE WIPO SIGNED A
COOPERATION
AGREEMENT TO
ESTABLISH TECHNOLOGY
& INNOVATION
SUPPORT CENTERS**

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GENEVA - *The Syrian Arab Republic and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) signed a cooperation agreement to establish technology and innovation support centers in Syria, a press release issued by SANA. The agreement was signed at the organization's headquarters by Syria's permanent representative to the United Nations office and international organizations in Geneva, Ambassador Hossam El-Din Ala, and Darren Tang, the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Ambassador Ala indicated that the creation of centers to support creativity and technology transfer in Syria would qualitatively improve the level of services provided to creators, inventors and researchers, stressing Syria's interest... [Read more](#)*

13. China-Singapore Patent PPH Pilot Program Extended for another Five Years Using the PPH Mottainai Program

THE CHINA-SINGAPORE PPH PILOT PROGRAM WAS INITIALLY LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

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Pursuant to the Joint Statement of Intent of CNIPA and IPOS on Deepening Cooperation in Patent Prosecution and Extending PPH Pilot Program, China-Singapore PPH pilot program will be extended for another five years starting from September 1, 2021, and will be terminated on August 31, 2026.

The extended China-Singapore PPH pilot program will use the PPH Mottainai program, enabling applicants to file PPH requests to the two offices using the work products of the continuing application receiving office. Relevant requirements and procedures shall be referred to in the latest Guidance of CNIPA-IPOS PPH Request. The China-Singapore PPH pilot... [Read more](#)

14. WIPO Launches the Virtual Exhibition on Geographical Indications

IT CONTAINS MATERIALS ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS FROM 39 WIPO MEMBER STATES AND 2 INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

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The Worldwide Symposium on Geographical Indications organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) inaugurated the Virtual Exhibition on Geographical Indications that will be publicly accessible from September 6, 2021, to March 6, 2022. Visit the Exhibition. The Exhibition offers visitors an opportunity to discover the advantages of the Lisbon System of International Registration of Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications, as well as see concrete examples of the products, the quality and reputation of which derive from their geographical origin. The initiative is designed to raise public awareness about the benefits of international protection of geographical indications among various stakehol... [Read more](#)

15. EPO and Moroccan IP office sign Memorandum of Understanding

**CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THE EPO AND
OMPIC IS THRIVING IN
OTHER AREAS TOO**

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EPO President António Campinos and the new Director General of the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) Mr Abdelaziz Babqiqi have met for the first time at an online meeting on 22 September, opening a new chapter of co-operation between their offices. Mr Campinos and Mr Babqiqi took stock of the validation agreement between the EPO and OMPIC, which entered into force on 1 March 2015 as the first ever EPO validation agreement. Under the agreement, around 400 granted European patents were validated in Morocco in 2020, a number that is expected to grow in the coming years. The validation system is applicant-driven and available... [Read more](#)

16. UPC news - Germany ratifies the Protocol on Provisional Application

**THE GERMAN
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
EXPECTS THE UPC TO
BECOME FULLY
OPERATIONAL FROM
MID-2022**

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Germany ratifies the Protocol on the Provisional Application of UPC Agreement (PAP-Protocol) and paves the way for the Unified Patent Court. Today, the German government deposited the instrument of ratification for the PAP-Protocol. This is a decisive step on the way to the establishment of the Unified Patent Court after the work had been on hold for several years during the examination of the Agreement by the German Federal Constitutional Court (FCC). Following the decision of the FCC published in July this year the German law for the ratification of the UPCA and its Protocols was signed by the President and published in August allowing Germany now to proceed with ratification. The German Federal Justice Minister... [Read more](#)