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#### 01. Extension of time limits – Ukraine

**FOR TWO MONTHS** 

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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 two month extension published on 28 August extends all time limits expiring between 2 September 2022 and 1 November 2022, inclusive, until 2 November 2022. This extension follows earlier Decisions EX-22-5, EX-22-4 and EX-22-2 of the Executive director, which respectively extended all time limits expiring between: 2 June 2022 and 1 September 2002; 1 April 2022 and 1 June 2002; and 24 February 2022 and 31 March 2022. On 9 March the EUIPO, in collaboration with the EU institutions, announced a number of measures in response to the military aggression carried out by the Russian Federation... Read more

# 02. Copyright Office Issues Final Rule for Remitter Payment Options and Deposit Account Requirements

REMITTER PAYMENTS
FOR SERVICES

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The U.S. Copyright Office has issued a final rule amending its regulations governing remitter payments for its services and requirements for maintaining a deposit account. The final rule consolidates regulatory provisions related to payment options, which were previously addressed in various sections of Office regulations, and updates them to articulate current Office practices. The amended regulations also simplify requirements for maintaining a deposit account and clarify procedures related to noncompliant accounts. Additional information on this rule is available here. The Copyright Office has issued a final rule amending its regulations governing remitter payments for its services and requirements for maintaining a dep... Read more

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#### 03. New NPL Content Available In PATENTSCOPE

NON-PATENT LITERATURE IS AVAILABLE NOW

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Almost 365,000 articles from the publisher MDPI are now available in PATENTSCOPE. This content adds to the articles of the publisher Nature.com and the filtered Wikipedia articles already available.

It is recalled that:

- bibliographic data and full-text of NPL are searchable in PATENTSCOPE;
- IPC codes were allocated to the NPL articles using an in-house algorithm;
- NPL information integrated in the result list is ranked by relevance together with the patent documents that match the search performed. <u>Read more</u>

# 04. Convenient Patent Public Search tool replacing four legacy systems this fall

PATENT PUBLIC
SEARCH PROVIDES
MORE CONVENIENT

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On September 30, the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) new Patent Public Search tool (PPUBS) is replacing four legacy tools—Public-Examiner's Automated Search Tool (PubEAST), Public-Web-based Examiner's Search Tool (PubWEST), Patent Full-Text and Image Database (PatFT), and Patent Application Full-Text and Image Database (AppFT). The transition to the new tool was initially announced in a press release this past February. Existing links to U.S. patents and U.S. pre-grant publications in PatFT and AppFT will be terminated following the retirement of these services. You can directly access U.S. patents and U.S. pre-grant publications via Patent Public Search and can set up links for direct document... Read more

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#### 05. Fourteenth Edition of the Locarno Classification

EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 2023

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A new edition of the Locarno Classification – the international classification used for the purposes of the registration of designs – will enter into force on January 1, 2023.

This fourteenth edition includes a number of amendments and additions with regard to the previous edition. The purpose of the present information notice is to inform the Offices of the Contracting Parties of the Hague System, as well as applicants and holders, of the practice that is followed by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for the examination of applications for international registration that are presented during the transition to the fourteenth edition of the Locarno Classification. The International Bureau of ... Read more

# 06. EPO-CNIPA Joint Communiqué: Chinese applicants may continue to designate EPO as ISA

MORE LEGAL
CERTAINTY AND
FASTER PROSECUTION
OF APPLICATIONS

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Nationals and residents of the People's Republic of China can continue to select the European Patent Office as their International Searching Authority (ISA) for their international patent applications filed in English under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). Following the agreement between the EPO and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the pilot will be extended by one additional year until 30 November 2023 and up to a further 3000 applications. This decision is based on the positive evaluation of the pilot which has been running since 1 December 2020. Interest in this pilot has been remarkable with active participation from over 270 applicants - including universities, research institutes and private individuals. Read more

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# 7. Pilot Program for IP Info Cloud Services Began on August 3, 2022 – Patent & Trademark Open Data Downloads Available Now!

FIRST STAGE HAS
SUCCESSFULLY
FINISHED BY TIPO

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In response to government policy to promote better cloud services to the public, TIPO has been working on the IP Info Cloud Services Project since 2021. Application platforms on the public cloud have been constructed, and TIPO also plans to incorporate IP open data, trademark search, industry IP knowledge, and other services in several stages to provide rapid and reliable access to IP information and furnish a more comprehensive digital IP environment for Taiwan.

TIPO has successfully finished the first stage of operations by setting up the IP Info Cloud Service and transferring the Patent & Trademark Open Data Website onto the new platform. Read more

### 8. The Global Brand Database: A New Interface Available Soon

BETA VERSION
IS AVAILABLE FOR
USERS

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In the coming months, WIPO will launch a new user interface of the Global Brand Database. This new interface will offer an improved user experience while still providing the same features as the current interface. As of today, users can start trying the new interface. It is still a beta version: some improvements will be implemented in the coming weeks which might result in temporary unavailability.

Until users become familiar with the new interface, both the current and new interfaces will run in parallel. If you would like to find out more about this new interface, and how to make the most of it, join one of the free webinars – the content... Read more

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#### 09. National measures relating to the Unitary Patent

ENTER INTO FORCE IN SPRING NEXT YEAR

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The EPO has published a new booklet "National measures accompanying the implementation of the Unitary Patent". It provides a concise overview of the most important national measures accompanying the implementation of the Unitary Patent in the participating Member States having ratified the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court. It is modelled on the EPO's successful online publication "National law relating to the EPC", allowing the relevant information to be easily retrieved country by country. The Unitary Patent and the Unified Patent Court are the building blocks which will supplement and strengthen the existing centralised European patent granting system. The new system will enter into force in spring next year and will offer users...Read more

### 10. New UAE copyright law is one of the toughest in the world

IT COVERS INTRINSIC
DETAILS WHICH CAN
BE APPLIED ACROSS
INDUSTRIES

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Landmark verdict in Dubai delivers test case for new copyright and data laws. Dubai: Data, content, and intellectual property cannot be trifled with in the UAE. The laws of the land and the courts are enforcing what's right for the rightful owners. Whether that's in the physical world or the digital domain. Such violations are ending. Period. So, no more 'inspired' rip-offs or 'tweaks' on others' intellectual property (IP) rights. The UAE now has one of the toughest data and copyright rules in the world, whether that's protecting the rights of international brands available here or enforcing the ownership of local brands.

What is the law? - The new law covers the ambiguities that may arise given the changing data landscape and categ... Read more

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#### 11. FDA Approves Lucentis® Interchangeable Biosimilar

INTERCHANGEABLE BIOSIMILAR

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On August 2nd, Coherus Biosciences announced FDA approval for its Cimerli™ (ranibizumab-eqrn) product, as an interchangeable biosimilar to Genentech/Roche's Lucentis® (ranibizumab). This biologic drug is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitor having five approved indications for Lucentis: the retinal diseases age-related macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, diabetic macular edema, diabetic retinopathy, myopic choroidal neovascularization. Cimerli™ has been approved for all of the Lucentis®-approved indications. FDA approval of Cimerli™ as an interchangeable biosimilar was attributed by Coherus Biosciences to the outcome of a clinical trial, the COLUMBUS-AMD study. The FDA had approved another biosimilar, Byooviz (rani... Read more

### 12. Brazil is closer to its accession to the Hague Agreement

BRAZIL IS
ENTERING IN THE
INTERNATIONAL
HAGUE AGREEMENT

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The Brazilian Chamber has just approved its accession to the Hague Agreement, which will now go to the Senate. Brazil comes a step closer to become the 2nd country in Latin America (after Mexico) to enter this International Agreement.

The Hague Agreement governs the international registration of Industrial Designs. First adopted in 1925, the Agreement effectively establishes an international system – the Hague System – that allows industrial designs to be protected in multiple countries or regions with minimal formalities. The Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs provides a practical business solution for registering up to 100 designs in 77 contracting parties covering 94 countries, through the filing of a single international application. To read more (in .. Read more