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1. USPTO Issues Guidance on Applicant Admitted Prior Art

**USPTO ISSUES
GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM
TO THE PTAB REGARDING
RELIANCE ON APPLICANT
ADMITTED PRIOR ART IN A
PETITION FOR INTER
PARTES REVIEW**

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The US Patent and Trademark Office on August 19, 2020, issued guidance memorandum to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) regarding reliance on applicant admitted prior art in a petition for inter partes review. This memorandum, issued under the Director's authority to set forth binding agency guidance, provides the Office's interpretation of 35 U.S.C. § 311(b) that the basis for an inter partes review (IPR) must be a prior art patent or printed publication, and that statements regarding prior art in the challenged patent therefore cannot serve as the basis for instituting an IPR. Such statements, however, may provide evidence of the general knowledge possessed by a person of ordinary skill in the art, and may be used to support... [Read more](#)

2. Brexit transition: Changes to international trade mark registrations designating the European Union (EU)

**UKIPO WEBSITE
CHANGES TO
INTERNATIONAL
TRADE MARK
REGISTRATIONS AFTER 1
JANUARY 2021.**

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The following updates may be of interest to filers of New Zealand Office of Origin (NZOOs) – international registrations filed via IPONZ which designated EU as a region for protection. From 1 January 2021, protected international trade mark registrations designating the EU under the Madrid System will no longer be valid in the United Kingdom (UK).

These registrations will be immediately and automatically converted into comparable UK registrations at no cost to owners. If you own an existing registration, you do not need to do anything. For more information and to receive future updates, please visit the UKIPO website [Changes to international trade mark registrations after 1 January 2021](#). [Read more](#)

3. Registration for Information Sessions on Patent Search and Its Application in Building Patent Portfolios Commences on July 23

**TIPO IS GOING
TO HOST THE
INFORMATION
SESSIONS ON INDUSTRIAL
PATENT PORTFOLIOS
ON PATENT SEARCH**

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To improve domestic businesses' abilities to build patent portfolios, TIPO is going to host the Information Sessions on Industrial Patent Portfolios on Patent Search. These events will illustrate how to use TIPO's GPSS to search patent worldwide, and how to use fishbone diagram and technology life cycle for the analysis of patent trend. In addition, the strategies and useful steps to build patent portfolios will be systematically introduced along with practical cases. These information sessions are advanced courses for patent search and relevant applications, thus participants are advised to have relevant experiences in patent search. The events will be held on in.... [Read more](#)

4. Myanmar's new Electronic Trademark Registration System to launch on 1 October

**MYANMAR'S
ANNOUNCED THAT
ONLINE TM APPLICATIONS
UNDER THE NEW
ELECTRONIC TRADEMARK
REGISTRATION SYSTEM
WILL START ON 1 OCTO.**

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The Myanmar Ministry of Commerce announced that online trademark applications under the new electronic trademark registration system will start on 1 October 2020. This new announcement was made last Friday (28 August 2020) by way of Order No. 63/2020. The launch of the new electronic trademark registration system was previously scheduled on January of this year, but has since been delayed. As anticipated, during this transition period the new electronic trademark registration system will accommodate:

a) Marks previously registered under a Declaration of Ownership of Trademark; or **b)** Marks actually used in Myanmar. [Read more](#)

5. Registration for Information Sessions on Copyright in Cultural and Creative Industries and Internet Copyright Now Open

**REGISTRATION
FOR INFORMATION
SESSIONS ON COPYRIGHT
IN CULTURAL AND
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND
INTERNET COPYRIGHT
NOW OPEN**

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From July to October, TIPO will be hosting a series of six information sessions targeting cultural and creative industries and Internet copyright to address topics of must-know copyright for audio-visual and music industries; must-know copyright for digital publishing industries; and must-know copyright on image usages for online sellers, YouTubers and Internet celebrities.

The events will invite legal experts and lecturers from private sectors to give explanation of these topics so as to help cultural and creative industries as well as users increase their knowledge of Copyright Act.... [Read more](#)

6. The Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) (Amendment) Rules, 2020

**NOTIFICATION
GEOGRAPHICAL
INDICATIONS OF GOODS
(REGISTRATION AND
PROTECTION)
(AMENDMENT) RULES,
2020**

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G.S.R. 528(E). - Whereas the draft rules, further to amend the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Rules, 2002 were published as required under sub-section (3) of by Section 87 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 (48 of 1999), 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. 645 (E) dated the 12th September, 2019 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, sub-section (i), for inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected, before the.... [Read more](#)

7. UK-China Cooperation on Intellectual Property

**UK INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY OFFICE (UKIPO)
HAS COOPERATION
RELATIONSHIPS WITH A
NUMBER OF CHINESE
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
WORKING ON IP**

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The UK aims to promote the non-discriminatory and transparent application of IP rules within national IP regimes. This webpage is about intellectual property (IP) cooperation between the UK and China. For basic information on protecting and enforcing IP in China, please go to the publications section below. If you are a British company and would like to discuss specific IP issues in China in more detail, please contact commercialmail.beijing@fco.gov.uk. The UK aims to build an efficient, respected international IP system. This includes promoting non-discriminatory and transparent application of IP rules within national IP regimes. The UK Intellectual... [Read more](#)

8. EUIPO joins WIPO DAS for EU registered design applications

**EUIPO HAS
CONFIRMED THAT, WITH
EFFECT FROM 11-07-2020,
IT IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR
ANY SUBMITTED EU
REGISTERED DESIGN
APPLICATION TO BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO THE DAS..**

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In a welcome announcement, the EUIPO has confirmed that, with effect from 11 July 2020, it is now possible for any submitted EU registered design application to be made available to the Digital Access Service (DAS), which is run by WIPO. As background, the DAS is a convenient service run by WIPO which allows participating IP offices to effectively electronically share copies of IP applications as applied for. In practice, the service is used in the context of a first IP application (which might be a patent, trade mark, or registered design application) applied for in a first territory which is then used as a priority claim for any second IP application applied for in a different territory. In such situations, and without DAS, it was often necessary to submit a certified copy of the first IP application to the relevant IP office.... [Read more](#)

9. IPOPHL, British Embassy Sign First-Ever Partnership Agreement to Boost MSMEs' Competitiveness and Make E-Commerce Space Safer

**IPOPHL, BRITISH
EMBASSY SIGN FIRST-EVER
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
TO BOOST MSMEs'
COMPETITIVENESS AND
MAKE E-COMMERCE SPACE
SAFER**

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The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) has signed its first partnership agreement with the British Embassy Manila in a bid to jointly strengthen enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights in e-commerce and enhance the competitiveness and financial leverage of businesses, especially micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), with IP. IPOPHL Director General Rowel S. Barba and Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Philippines Daniel Pruce signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) through an online ceremony held on August 6, 2020. "This MOU will complement our ongoing efforts in activating more policies within government and... [Read more](#)

10. Fee Review - Upcoming fee changes

**IP AUSTRALIA IS
CHANGING SOME OF OUR
FEES TO ENSURE WE
CONTINUE TO RECOVER
OUR COSTS FROM
ADMINISTERING IP RIGHTS
AND THEIR ASSOCIATED..**

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IP Australia is changing some of our fees to ensure we continue to recover our costs from administering intellectual property (IP) rights and their associated legislation. The changes to our fees will commence from 12am AEST, 1 October 2020. These changes have been established from the review IP Australia has conducted over the past 19 months, including feedback received from public consultation. The changes have been carefully designed based on this feedback and in accordance with the Australian Government Charging Framework and the relevant Productivity Commission recommendations. Thank you to our customers who have contributed to this review. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with the new fee arrangements for IP Aus... [Read more](#)*

11. TIPO Holds a Public Hearing on the Amendment to the Substantive Examination Guidelines for Design Patents on July 23

**TIPO HAS DRAFTED
THE AMENDMENT TO
PARTS OF CHAPTER III ON
SUBSTANTIVE
EXAMINATION GUIDELINES
FOR DESIGN PATENTS OF
THE EXAMINATION..**

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After having reviewed design patent examination practices in recent years, TIPO has drafted the amendment to parts of Chapter III on Substantive Examination Guidelines for Design Patents of the Examination Guidelines for Patents so as to stay current with the latest developments in digital and new technologies. A public hearing will therefore be held on July 23. The key revisions pertaining to relaxing the requirements for disclosing descriptions and graphs, as well as those governing divisional application; adding constructions and interior designs to the examples of subject matter for patent protection, and adding computer program products to the example of articles a graph... [Read more](#)

12. Uganda joins TMclass and DesignClass

**UGANDA
REGISTRATION
SERVICES BUREAU (URSB)
JOINS IS PART OF
TMCLASS AND
DESIGNCLASS**

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As of 03 August 2020, the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) is part of TMclass and DesignClass. URSB will now use and accept the list of terms from the harmonised database of goods and services (HDB) in TMclass as well as the list of terms from the harmonised database of product indications (HDBPI) in DesignClass. Following URSB 's decision to use HDB and HDBPI there are now 11 non-EU IP offices in TMclass and 10 in DesignClass which use and accept terms from these harmonised databases. The addition of URSB in TMclass brings the total number of participating national and regional IP Offices, including ARIPO, OAPI, WIPO and EUIPO, to 81. URSB's participation brings the total number of IP offices... [Read more](#)

13. Publication of Japan-Korea Concordance List of Similar Group Codes (Corresponding to Nice Classification 11th edition, version 2020 (NCL11-2020))

**PUBLICATION
OF JPO-KIPO
CONCORDANCE LIST OF
SIMILAR GROUP CODES
CLASSIFICATION 11TH
EDITION, VERSION 2020**

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The Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) are working on a cooperative project to compile concordance lists that indicate the corresponding relationships between the respective, similar group codes used for trademark examination at the JPO and the KIPO, based on a bilateral agreement the two offices signed. Similar group codes are the codes assigned to goods and services that are presumed to be similar to each other in trademark examination. The project aims to improve the predictability of examination results, by encouraging users who file trademark applications with the JPO or the KIPO to utilize the concordance lists when.... [Read more](#)

14. Chile: a new member of Global PPH

**INAPI ANNOUNCED
IN JULY 2020 THE
INCORPORATION TO THE
GLOBAL PATENT
PROSECUTION
HIGHWAY (GPPH)**

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The National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) announced in July 2020 the incorporation to the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (GPPH). Global PPH allows national patent applications to request accelerated examination at any of the 27 national offices of other member countries , always if the application contains claims which have been found acceptable by any of the other offices participating in this Agreement. The requirements are the following:

- The Chilean patent application in which the PPH is requested must have the same filing date or the same priority date as the application at the Office of Earlier Examination (OEE).*
- The corresponding application in the Office of... [Read more](#)*

15. Program on Mutual Cooperation in the Field of Deposit of Biological Materials for the Purposes of Patent Procedure between Taiwan and South Korea comes into effect on September 1, 2020

**TAIWAN AND
SOUTH KOREA, BASED ON
AN MOU SIGNED IN
AUGUST, WILL BE
IMPLEMENTED ON
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

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Following the launch of the cooperative program on mutual recognition of the deposit of biological materials for the purpose of patent procedure between Taiwan and Japan in 2015 and between Taiwan and the UK in 2017, the cooperative program between Taiwan and South Korea, based on an MOU signed in August, will be implemented on September 1, 2020. It once again expands Taiwan's scope of international cooperation in this field. Upon implementation of this program, TIPO will recognize the deposit at KIPO's designated depositary and KIPO will recognize the deposit at TIPO's designated depositary. Therefore, any Taiwanese applicant filing patent applications relating to biological materials with KIPO or any South Korean applicant filing patent applications relating to biological materials with TIPO is able to deposit his/her biological materials in a local designated depositary. This streamlines the deposit procedures for patent applicants in both countries, avoids problems due to the instability of biological materials that may be caused by cross-border deposits, and also reduces the cost of repeated deposits. At present, the depositary designated by TIPO is the Food Industry Research and Development Institute (FIRDI), while those designated by KIPO are the Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC), the Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM), the Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF) and the Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC). [Read more](#)