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01. Copyright Office Expands Recordation System Access to the Public

USE OF THE RECORDATION SYSTEM IS OPTIONAL

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In 2020, the U.S. Copyright Office introduced a limited pilot program for an online recordation system that will eventually replace the current paper-based process. Today, the Copyright Office expands access to the general public for the electronic processing of documents relating to copyright that fall under section 205 of Title 17. Any member of the public may now electronically submit certain types of documents for recordation to the Office through this system by creating an Enterprise Copyright System (ECS) account through Login.gov, which serves as the user login and authentication method. Use of the Recordation System is optional and governed by 37 CFR § 201.4(h) and... [Read more](#)

02. 1 September 2022: Update to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) fees

REVISED PCT FEES

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The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) fee structure changes on 1 September 2022 and are as follows.

Transmittal Fee:

- £75

Search Fee:

£1,518

International Fee:

- for the first 30 sheets: £1,132
- for each sheet over 30: £13

Restoration for Restoration of Priority: £150

Reductions for E-FILING

electronic filing (not being in character coded format... [Read more](#)

3. Revisions to the Examination Guidelines on Distinctiveness of Trademarks Were Promulgated on July 26, 2022

**EFFECTIVE FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

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To enhance the examination principles for distinctiveness of various types of trademarks, TIPO has promulgated revisions to the Examination Guidelines on Distinctiveness of Trademarks. TIPO has provided examples for different types of trademarks and ensured that the basis on which distinction is determined for trademarks aligns with current market transactions. Main revisions are as follows:

I. Made adjustments to the different composition patterns of foreign alphabets; provision of reference examples for determining whether descriptions are designed and distinctive.

II. Added assessment criteria and example explan... [Read more](#)

4. Action Plan for Utilization of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology (2) (2 August 2022)

**FOR TRADEMARK
& DESIGN
EXAMINATIONS**

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The JPO's AI Action Plan also covers design and trademark spheres. The revised Action Plan (FY2022-2026 edition) presents eight projects, half of which are directed to trademark or design examinations. In the design sphere, development phase of assistance tool for prior design search will continue utilizing similarity-based image retrieval technique. As for trademarks, the winning models of the AI-powered search competition held by the JPO last year will be implemented into our image search system. In another project, we will explore the possibility of applying AI to the prior character trademarks search. With the Action Plan to date evaluated positively by external experts, the... [Read more](#)

5. Update: Resolution of technical issue when filing sequence listings using version 2.1.0 or 2.1.1 of the WIPO Sequence software

**RECOMMEND
THE STEPS TO RESOLVE
THE ISSUES BEFORE
FILING**

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The International Bureau has now released version 2.1.2 which fixes the technical issue in versions 2.1.0 and 2.1.1 of the WIPO Sequence software (described below). Users are therefore encouraged to update the software when prompted with the auto-update message before authoring their next sequence listing.

Previously reported issue:

It has been brought to the attention of the International Bureau of WIPO that, when applicants use version 2.1.0 and 2.1.1 of the WIPO Sequence software to prepare sequence listings in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26, certain technical issues in the software can cause potential problems in the... [Read more](#)

6. Clarification regarding requirements of ST.25/ST.26 compliant sequence listings and fee calculation

**AFTER 1ST
JULY 2022
WIPO STANDARD
ST.26**

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Office of CGPDTM, Mumbai Govt. of India-PUBLIC NOTICE:

WIPO Standard ST.26

- 1. PCT International applications filed on or after 1st July 2022*
 - ST.26*
- 2. PCT National Phase entry corresponding to PCT International Application with international filing date before 1st July 2022*
 - ST.25*
- 3. Divisional of a PCT National Phase entry corresponding to PCT International Application with international filing date before 1st July 2022*
 - ST.25 or ST.26 (Preferably ST.26)... [Read more](#)*

7. KIPO Commissioner Holds Bilateral Talks with 12 IP Offices and Delivers a Statement at the 63rd WIPO General Assembly

**A PROGRAM
THAT ALLOWS
THE QUICK
REGISTRATION**

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- A total of five collaborative MOUs signed -
- Urged to promote innovation and improve IP systems in order to overcome current crisis-
- KIPO Commissioner Insil LEE participated in the 63rd Series of Meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assemblies (also called the WIPO General Assembly) in Geneva from July 13 to 22, 2022.

Before start of the series of meetings, as a chief representative of Korea, Commissioner Lee held talks with representatives of IP offices of 12 countries over three days, including Mexico, Singapore, Australia, France, Canada, Saudi Arabia... [Read more](#)

8. The website of the first international Eurasian conference "IP Eurasia: Space of Innovation" launched

**DISCUSS ISSUES
OF PROTECTION AND
COMMERCIALIZATION
OF IP**

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This year, IP Eurasia, which will be held on September 21, 2022, is dedicated to the issues of patent protection of medicines, the balance of interests of society, developers of innovative drugs and pharmaceutical companies. On the conference website <https://ip-eurasia.ru> you can get acquainted with the program of the event, speakers and participants, as well as purchase tickets or obtain accreditation. The conference participants will discuss issues of protection and commercialization of intellectual property in the field of healthcare and pharmaceuticals in the Eurasian region, which, due to their nature, affect the vital interests of every person. The conference will be devoted to appro... [Read more](#)

9. Revisions Have Been Made to Chapters 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 14 of Part II “Substantive Examination for Invention Patents” of the Patent Examination Guidelines

**EFFECTIVE FROM
JULY 1, 2022**

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To reflect the practical needs of patent examination, TIPO has added new examination criteria and notes to the Patent Examination Guidelines, which include two applications (invention and utility model) for the same creation, disclaimers, final notice limitations, and deposit of biological materials. TIPO hopes to enhance the quality of patent examinations by providing unified standards. Main revisions include the following:

I. Part II Chapter 3 “Patentability” - Additional paragraphs 5 and 6 have been added under “5.7.2 Notes for Examination” for when two applications (invention and utility model) are filed for the same creation. Specifically, it details examination... [Read more](#)

10. The JPO Hosted The 11th Japan-China-Korea Design Forum -Design protection in the global economy and Web 3.0

**EXPANSION OF
GLOBAL ECONOMIC
ACTIVITIES**

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On (Monday,) August 1, 2022, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), in cooperation with the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), hosted online the “11th Japan-China-Korea Design Forum -Design protection in the global economy and Web 3.0-”. Approximately 250 participants attended the forum, including users of design systems in three member countries; Japan, China and South Korea.

At the Welcome Address, JPO commissioner HAMANO, a representative of the host office, mentioned issues including; significance of discussing how design protection.... [Read more](#)