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01. Service by Publication

LAWS & REGULATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (JPO)

For cases where documents have not been serviced by delivery (undeliverable to the recipient, etc.), the JPO eventually executes Service by Publication by means of publicizing such information in the Official Gazette and the Patent Gazette, posting in the area designated for posting at the JPO office, or displaying on PCs placed at the JPO office for public perusal. (Patent Act Article 191 (where applicable mutatis mutandis to Article 55-2 of the Utility Model Act, Article 68-5 of the Design Act, and Article 77-5 of the Trademark Act.) The articles regarding "Service by Publication" in the Patent Gazette have been transferred from the Gazette publication site to this site for an easier access to a broader audience... [Read more](#)

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02. Technology standards and patents for Europe's digital future

SHAPING EUROPE'S DIGITAL FUTURE THROUGH STANDARDS AND PATENTS

Technology standards are the silent powerhouses behind today's digital economy. Today, the European Patent Office (EPO) published a study that reveals the clear link between technology standards and patents. The study leverages the EPO's vast prior art databases, which include over 5.5 million documents from standards development organisations (SDOs), a unique collection curated through close collaboration over the past two decades. The study also analyses recent European case law on Standard Essential Patents (SEPs). The EPO study, titled Standards and the European patent system, introduces a new dataset that reveals with greater clarity than ever before how standards documentation is used in the examination of European patent applications, and also how often... [Read more](#)

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03.TIPO's Q1 2025 IPR Statistics Report

TAIWAN IPR TRENDS: Q1 2025 PATENT AND TRADEMARK STATISTICS

Overall Trends in Patent and Trademark Applications: In the first quarter of 2025, TIPO received a total of 17,063 patent applications, comprising 12,202 invention patents, 3,232 utility model patents, and 1,629 design patents. This represents a 1% increase compared to the same period in 2024, with invention patent filings rising by 2% (Figure 1). Patent applications filed by resident and non-resident applicants accounted for 47% and 53% of the total, respectively. Compared to the same period last year, applications by residents declined by 2%, whereas those by non-residents rose by 5%.

A total of 21,099 trademark applications were filed. Since a single trademark application may be designated across multiple classes, the total number of classes covered by trademark... [Read more](#)

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04. Circular: New Patents and Trade Marks Acceleration Programmes

NEW ACCELERATION INITIATIVES FOR PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS LAUNCHED BY IPOS

IPOS will be launching Patents and Trade Marks Acceleration programmes on 20 May 2025 to help filers receive faster office actions. The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ("IPOS") will be launching Patents and Trade Marks Acceleration programmes on 20 May 2025 to help filers receive faster office actions.

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- 2. The SG Patents Fast and SG Trade Marks Fast programmes supersede the SG IP FAST pilot programme which concluded on 31 December 2024, and feature simplified eligibility... [Read more](#)*

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05. Public Notice: Change in Official Website Domain of O/o CGPDTM

**UPDATE: NEW OFFICIAL
WEBSITE DOMAIN FOR IP
INDIA (CGPDTM)**

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All stakeholders are hereby informed that the official website domain of the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM) has been shifted from www.ipindia.nic.in to www.ipindia.gov.in

Accordingly, stakeholders are requested to access the official website through the updated domain: www.ipindia.gov.in... [Read more](#)

06. Mauritius Accedes to the Harare Protocol

**MAURITIUS BECOMES 21ST
ARIPO MEMBER STATE TO
JOIN THE HARARE
PROTOCOL**

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The Republic of Mauritius deposited its Instrument of Accession to the Harare Protocol on Patents, Utility Models and Industrial Designs with the ARIPO Director General, Mr. Bemanya Twebaze, on 27 May 2025. This occurred during the 4th Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Conference (HIPOC) in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Mr. Ranjive Beergaunot, the Acting Controller... [Read more](#)

07. WIPO, ARIPO, JPO Join Forces to Boost Africa's TISCs Network

**INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIP ENHANCES
TECHNOLOGY AND
INNOVATION SUPPORT
CENTERS IN AFRICA**

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The 2025 WIPO-ARIPO Regional Meeting for Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) commenced today at the ARIPO Secretariat in Harare. The event is a collaborative effort between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and ARIPO, with support from the Japan Patent Office (JPO) funds in trust.

During the opening ceremony, participants were addressed by Mr. Hiroyuki Kumagai, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Japan in Zimbabwe, who represented the JPO, Mr. Elangi Ituku Botoy, Industrial Property Information Officer, TISC... [Read more](#)

08. USPTO announces new filing option available online for Trademark Trial and Appeal Board customers

USPTO LAUNCHES TTAB CENTER FOR ONLINE FILING OF TRADEMARK CANCELLATION PETITIONS

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office announces an added option for Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) customers to file a petition for cancellation in our new system, TTAB Center. The new filing functionality will be available on May 12, 2025. Currently, petitioners can file using either TTAB Center or the existing filing platform, the Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals (ESTTA). Starting on July 12, 2025, users will no longer be able to file petitions for cancellation through ESTTA. A cancellation proceeding is a TTAB proceeding in which a party may seek to cancel an active trademark registration.

We encourage users to provide feedback on their experience and suggest improvements on the TTAB Center webpage. The feedback will help us prepare for the official transition from ESTTA and continue to modernize our systems... [Read more](#)

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09. INPI Brazil updates its IP fees

INPI BRAZIL ANNOUNCES 24.1% AVERAGE INCREASE IN IP FEES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2025

After more than 10 years, the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) has announced an update to its fee structure. Set to take effect on August 7, 2025, the new structure features an average increase of 24.1%.

Despite the rise, INPI maintains a 60% discount for individuals, small businesses, non-profit organizations, and innovation-related institutions.

With this update, INPI aims to improve digital services by accelerating processing times and ensuring long-term operational sustainability... [Read more](#)

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10. Update to Trade Mark practice guidelines

IPONZ UPDATES CONFLICTING GOODS AND SERVICES LIST IN TRADE MARK PRACTICE GUIDELINES

IPONZ has updated the Conflicting Goods and Services List under its practice guidelines on identical or similar trade marks. The corresponding Conflicting Class Table under these guidelines remains unchanged. The updated Conflicting Goods and Services List reflects changes to the international classification of goods and services (the Nice Classification), as well as relevant Court and Hearings Office decisions.

View the updated Conflicting Goods and Services List and practice guideline:... [Read more](#)

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11. “Rhythms of Music and IP: Launching Creative Protection” Forum a Resounding Success

TIPO HOSTS 'RHYTHMS OF MUSIC AND IP' FORUM TO PROMOTE IP AWARENESS IN MUSIC INDUSTRY

In celebration of World IP Day 2025 and the theme, “IP and Music”, TIPO collaborated with the Music Copyright Society of Chinese Taipei (MÜST) and the Taipei Music Center (TMC) to organize the “Rhythms of Music and IP: Launching Creative Protection” Forum. The event took place on April 29, 2025, at the Live House D exhibition space of Taipei Music Center, drawing over 150 participants from the music industry, academia, and the creative community. The event was marked by lively interaction, reflecting a strong collective interest in music and intellectual property rights.

In his opening remarks, Director General Cheng-Wei Liao expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to co-host this event with MÜST and TMC —two organizations deeply rooted in Taiwan's music industry. He noted that the seminar's theme echoed WIPO's 2025 focus, “IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP.”... [Read more](#)

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12. The 15th Edition of the Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs Now in Effect

**TIPO IMPLEMENTS
UPDATED
INTERNATIONAL DESIGN
CLASSIFICATION
REFLECTING EMERGING
INDUSTRIES**

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The 15th Edition of the Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs, administered by WIPO, officially came into effect on January 1, 2025. TIPO has completed the Chinese translation and prepared a comparison table between the old and new versions for public reference

Key updates in this edition include: new categories for lighting fixtures and personal grooming products, as well as more detailed classification for graphic designs and virtual reality (VR) products to reflect the needs of emerging industries and current... [Read more](#)

13. Protecting Your Furniture Designs in Latin America: A Guide for European SMEs

**NAVIGATING IP
PROTECTION FOR
FURNITURE DESIGNS
IN LATIN AMERICA'S
GROWING MARKET**

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A market with well-furnished opportunities

Latin America's furniture market is growing rapidly, driven by urbanisation, a rising middle class, and demand for innovative designs. For European SMEs, this presents an opportunity to expand, but success requires more than quality products: it demands a solid intellectual property (IP) strategy.

Wherever a product is marketed or holds commercial interest, IP rights must be locally protected to prevent counterfeiting, imitation, and unfair competition. In furniture, the most relevant rights are industrial designs and trade marks, though patents... [Read more](#)

14. The Republic of Kazakhstan recognized the EAPO as an International Searching Authority under the PCT

KAZAKHSTAN DESIGNATES EAPO AS PCT INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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This step expands the options available to applicants from the Republic of Kazakhstan in choosing an International Searching Authority (ISA). The EAPO, acting as an ISA, will assist applicants interested in conducting international patent procedures in Russian to conduct an international search in a cost-effective and efficient manner. The EAPO has been functioning as both an ISA and an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT since July 1, 2022. Currently, the patent offices of eight EAPO Member States have recognized the EAPO... [Read more](#)

15. MyEPO now enables all users to obtain certified electronic EPO priority documents

MYEPO EXPANDS ACCESS TO CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

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In line with the Strategic Plan 2028, the European Patent Office (EPO) continues its journey towards the full digitalisation of the patent granting process. Certified EPO priority documents can now be requested in electronic format by all users with access to MyEPO. This new free-of-charge service follows the recommendation on a common practice regarding issuing and accepting certified electronic priority documents, as approved by the European Patent Organisation's Administrative Council as part of the convergence of practice programme. The user friendliness and efficiency of the service have been optimised thanks to a successful... [Read more](#)

16. KIPO Strengthens IP Cooperation with Patent Offices in Europe

**KIPO ENHANCES
COLLABORATION
WITH EPO AND DPMA
ON EMERGING
TECHNOLOGIES**

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Commissioner KIM Wan Ki of the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) held bilateral meetings on April 30 in Munich respectively with Antonio Campinos, President of the European Patent Office (EPO), and Eva Schewior, President of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA), to exchange views on key intellectual property (IP) issues and explore avenues for enhanced cooperation.

During his meeting with EPO President Campinos, Commissioner Kim shared the view on the importance of building a user-friendly IP system. Both sides agreed to hold an information session in Korea on the Unitary Patent system of Europe, which came into operation in June 2023, to improve understanding among Korean users. The meeting also covered potential collaboration... [Read more](#)