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Announcement of the 11th edition of Nice Classification and the revisions of the Names of Goods and Services and Searching References

WIPO's recently released 11th edition of Nice Classification entered into force on January 1, 2017. This latest edition has made significant revisions encompassing class headings, explanatory notes, and names of goods and services in some classes. TIPO has compiled relevant information with respect to class headings and explanatory notes for public reference.

In line with the revisions made in the 11th edition of Nice Classification, TIPO revised the names of designated goods and services concerning trademark registration accordingly. In total, there are 483 items added whereas 109 items are deleted. Meanwhile, up to 67

group names or remarks are also revised. All the revisions came into force on January 1, 2017. The revised classes and names of designated goods and services have been incorporated into the e-filing system.

The pre-announcement of revising Table of Classification of Goods and Services provided in Article 19 of Enforcement Rules of the Trademark Act has been posted on TIPO's website as well.

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=609410&ctNode=7452&mp=1>



New features in electronic service for patent and trademark application implement since January 2017

After constant promotion and improvements in the past years, TIPO's e-filing service for patent and trademark application has become rewarding by the public. In December 2016, there are 49.99 and 66.36 percent of patent and trademark applications filed electronically whilst 72.08 and 56.50 percent of official documents served electronically. Beginning in January 2017, three new features in the electronic service are introduced as follows:

1. Issuance of electronic receipt for online payment

For those who make online payment with automated debit transfer or eATM for patent annuities, trademark registration fee and other fees issuance of electronic receipt is available.

2. Addition of online application forms

For the sake of the expansion of the scope of e-filing service, there are 20 application forms that can be processed online, including payment for patent annuities and reduced patent annuities, refund for patent fees, trademark reinstatement, abandonment of trademark and the other 15 application forms for withdrawal.

3. Electronic official document can be re-downloaded without extra application

When the file containing electronic official document misses and needs to be re-downloaded, the applicant may do so via digital certificate, by entering the documentation number and/or date of delivery in the E-Set system, without filing an application with TIPO.

Please refer to the link below for more information.

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=610214&ctNode=7150&mp=1>



2016 Trade Secrets Seminar: Reasonable Measures to Maintain Secrecy



To assist companies in building a robust management mechanism for trade secrets, TIPO and Taiwan Association for Trade Secrets Protection (TTSP) cohosted 2016 Trade Secrets Seminar: Reasonable Measures to Maintain Secrecy. The pundits representing TSMC, HTC, AUO and TIPO's staff had a discussion on legislations and practices. They shared years of experience in a number of issues including corporate information security, signing confidentiality agreement, non-compete agreement and the US case study. There were around 200 people attended.



PCs at TIPO's library and local service offices nationwide are available for e-filing

Beginning on Dec. 1, 2016, PCs in TIPO's library at the 4th floor and local service offices in Hsinchu, Taichung, Tainan and Kaohsiung are open to public for e-filing in order to improve service efficiency. TIPO's staff also provides on-site assistance in using the PCs.



Statistics on PPH requests

TIPO is currently running PPH programs with the US, Japan, Spain, and Korea. By the end of 2016, the total request for each program list as follows. In Taiwan-US PPH, there were 1,553 requests since it launched in September 2011. Taiwan-Japan PPH commenced in May 2012 and upgraded to PPH MOTTAINAI from May 1, 2014, in which 2,194 requests were filed. In Taiwan-Korea PPH, there were 26 requests since its implementation in July 2015. In Taiwan-Spain PPH, one request has been made.

The average first OA pendency for a PPH request is 1.88 months while the average disposal pendency is 4.5 months. In comparison, PPH mechanism actually allows for faster and more efficient prosecution of patent applications. To access PPH statistics, please go to: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=531840&ctNode=7127&mp=1>



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