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Amended Articles 17 and 39 of the Enforcement Rules of the Patent Act



Alternative methods for electronic transmission of patent and trademark application documents take effect on July 1, 2020

In order to remedy the situation concerning patent and trademark e-filings where transmission takes longer than usual due to file size or where failures occur in TIPO's filing system that disrupts e-filing process, TIPO has amended the Regulations Governing the Implementation of Filing Patent Applications and Services by Electronic Means and the Regulations Governing the Implementation of Filing Trademark Applications and Services by Electronic Means, as well as published alternative methods for electronic transmission, which took effect on July 1. Below are the highlights of the methods.

1. Where the file size of patent or trademark application documents exceeds 500MB, or where TIPO notifies a breakdown of its system, an user may store the files on a read-only DVD disc and submit it in person or mail it to TIPO to complete the e-filing process.
2. For application filed through the alternative methods, the date of application and other proceedings shall be the date on which TIPO receives the electronic patent/trademark application documents. The date of those via postal service shall be the postmark date. Unless otherwise proved by the parties involved, the date of those whose postmark date appears to be ambiguous shall be based on the date of receipt by TIPO.

[The amended provisions of the Regulations Governing the Implementation of Filing Patent Applications and Services by Electronic Means and the Regulations Governing the Implementation of Filing Trademark Applications and Services by Electronic Means \(in Mandarin\)](#)

[The publication of alternative methods for electronic transmission \(in Mandarin\)](#)



Changes made to the name of designated goods and services for trademark registration, as well as cross index references

In order to align the goods and services classification more closely with the actual business scenarios, TIPO added/amended 468 items and deleted 14 items in names of designated goods and services for trademark registration. Also, it added/amended 16 names of groups/sub-groups or notes in total. The above changes took effect on July 1, 2020.

[The new version of "Names of designated goods and services for trademark registration" \(in Mandarin\)](#)



Registration is now open for TIPO's 2020 IPR affairs seminars which begin on July 27

To enable the public to better understand TIPO's routine IPR affairs and facilitate in-person communication with different sectors, TIPO will host the annual "IPR affairs seminars" on July 27 in Taipei, July 30 in Taichung, August 3 in Hsinchu, August 6 in Tainan, and August 7 in Kaohsiung.

The seminars will address four specific topics: (1) An overview of the "Guidelines for processing third-party observations on patent applications" and "Proactive patent examination program for start-ups"; (2) Case studies on issue of ex officio examination, res judicata and new evidence; (3) An overview of the fast-track for trademark and applications; and (4) Reminders of taking patent and trademark related proceedings. There will also be a discussion session in the seminars. The events are open to registration now.

[Registration information \(in Mandarin\)](#)



"Respect Creations: Parents and Children Having Fun Creating" is now open for registration

TIPO will host the "Respect Creations: Parents and Children Having Fun Creating" on August 2 (Sunday), 14:00-16:00, in the Taipei Zoo.

This event allows parents and their children to cowork on potted plants DIY to show their creativity. There will also be stalls that combine games and competitions where visitors can acquire IPR knowledge while partaking in these fun activities. TIPO is looking forward to your participation.

[Registration information \(in Mandarin\)](#)



Taiwan and Korea to implement the current PPH MOTTAINAI program on a permanent basis starting July 1, 2020

The current Taiwan-Korea PPH MOTTAINAI pilot program is due to expire on June 30, 2020. In view of the program's outstanding performance, the two sides have agreed to implement it on a permanent basis starting July 1, 2020.

Taiwan and Korea have long been close economic and trading partners. For many years, Korea has been among the top four in invention patent applications filed in Taiwan. Last year (2019), TIPO received 1,656 invention patent applications from Korean applicants, and KIPO received 1,102 invention patent applications from Taiwanese applicants. To speed up examination so that applicants could acquire their patents quickly, TIPO and KIPO have conducted PPH pilot program since July 1, 2015.

The request forms and detailed information on the procedures of the permanent PPH MOTTAINAI are now available at TIPO and KIPO's websites.

[TIPO's PPH webpage](#)

[KIPO's PPH webpage](#)



TIPO published the “Analysis of Trademark Applications and the Trend in Business Development Filed in the Past Decade”

With reference to the “World Intellectual Property Indicators 2019” (WIPI 2019) published by WIPO IP Statistics Data Center, TIPO uses similar methods to group Nice Classes assigned to designated goods or services of trademark application into ten industries sectors, and publishes the report of “Analysis of the trend in trademark applications from 2010 to 2019 by industry sector.” It is the result of collecting and organizing more than 770,000 trademark applications over the ten-year span, and the complicated data is converted into easily-understood graphs and charts by employing data visualization and data-driven strategy.

At the same time, the report compares the latest WIPI 2019 Report with the data of Taiwan's residents' applications to reveal the similarities and differences between Taiwan's industry sectors and those of other countries. As such, the report serves as a reference for businesses to build portfolios, develop brands, and stay current with market trends.

The report has been published at TIPO's official website.

[More information](#)

[“Analysis report on the trend in trademark applications filed between 2010 and 2019 by businesses” \(in Mandarin\)](#)

[Graphs and charts of trademark business categories \(in Mandarin\)](#)



TIPO releases the English edition of the annual report

In 2019, TIPO celebrated its 20th anniversary of its establishment.

In 2019, the Copyright Act was amended in May to impose civil and criminal liabilities on any person providing computer programs which have aggregated IP addresses that enable access to infringing contents. The purpose is to curb the circulation of illegal set-top boxes.

In November, the Patent Act was amended to extend the term of protection for design patent from 12 to 15 years. In addition, the restriction on post-grant division of invention and utility model patents was relaxed, and an invalidation requester should submit grounds thereof within three months after the request is filed. The amendment is to facilitate development in Taiwan's design industry and increase the efficiency in the examination of invalidation cases.

In December, the Legislative Yuan passed the amendment to the Trade Secrets Act that introduces the system of confidentiality protective order for investigation in order to increase the efficiency in the investigation of trade secret cases.

In addition, TIPO keeps improving examination efficiency and quality, providing strong support for the industry sector's innovation development, as well as strengthening international cooperation. The annual report covers accomplishments and statistics for the year 2019. Access to the annual report is open to the public.

[English edition of TIPO's 2019 annual report](#)



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