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## Policies and Regulations

### **The English name of the State Intellectual Property Office has been changed from SIPO to CNIPA**

On August 28, 2018, the abbreviation of the English name of the State Intellectual Property Office was changed from the original "SIPO" to the new "CNIPA" with the approval of the central government. CNIPA stands for the “China National Intellectual Property Administration” .

(Source: Xinhua.net)

### **The Executive Meeting of the State Council adopts the Patent Agency Regulations (Revised Draft)**

On September 6, 2018, the State Council adopted the Patent Agency Regulations (Revised Draft China will add to the types of organizations permitted for patent agencies. It is also proposing changing the term, "patent agent" to "patent agent?" and comprehensively standardizing it; revising statutes and regulations for the enhanced regulation of the behavior of patent agencies; and amending statutes and regulations to clarify the patent agency assistance system.

(Source: Xinhua News Agency)

### **Shanghai High Court Issues "Opinions" Circulars to Strengthen IP Judicial Safeguards for Import Expo**

The China International Import Expo (CIIE) will be held in Shanghai in November of this year. Recently, the Shanghai High People’ s Court issued Several Opinions of the Shanghai High People’ s Court on Serving and Safeguarding the China International Import Expo; and also the Implementation Opinions on Strengthening the Adjudication of Intellectual Property Matters to Serve and Safeguard the China International Import Expo. These documents were released in response to the need for intellectual property judicial protection and the need to strengthen judicial protection for CIIE-related intellectual property rights.

(Source: News of the Shanghai High People’ s Court)

## Intellectual Property

### **For the first time, the State Intellectual Property Office has accepted an application for the protection of geographical indication products from EU countries.**

In accordance with relevant arrangements under the negotiating framework of the CHINA-EU agreement on the cooperation and protection of geographical indications, and upon the recommendation of the European Commission, the State Intellectual Property Office recently accepted and approved an application for the protection of the geographical indications of two European Union products, the Czech republic brevet beer and renoi. It also published country of origin and quality requirements for the two products applied for by the EU.

( Source: State Intellectual Property Office)

## **25th Beijing International Book Fair Reaches 5,678 Domestic and International Copyright Trade Agreements**

On August 26, 2018, the 25th Beijing International Book Fair and the 16th Beijing International Book Festival reached 5,678 Sino-foreign copyright trade agreements, among which 3,610 agreements were reached on copyright output and cooperative publishing intentions. The number import of intention and agreements reached 2,068, and the introduction output ratio was 1:1.74.

(Source: China Intellectual Property News.)

## **In the first half of 2018, China' s export of intellectual property royalties was about 2.7 billion USD, versus an import value was about 19.2 billion USD.**

According to the latest data provided by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, China's total trade in intellectual property royalties was \$22.05 billion c during the first half of 2018. The export of intellectual property royalties reached \$2.837 billion USD, while intellectual property royalty imports amounted to \$19.26 billion USD, for an intellectual property royalty deficit of \$16.531 billion USD. Germany, Japan and the United States were the major countries constituting the trade deficit in intellectual property royalties in China, producing deficits of \$3.127 billion USD, \$2.932 billion USD and \$2.46 billion USD, respectively, together accounting for 51.5% of China' s total intellectual property royalties deficit. (Source: State Intellectual Property Office)

## Patents

### The State Intellectual Property Office published statistics on key matters such as patents and trademarks during the first half of 2018

As of June 30, 2018, the data for China's intellectual property rights was as follows:

Invention patent (Unit: Ten Thousand)						
Applications	Authorizations	Domestic Authorizations			Domestic Ownership	Ownership Per Ten Thousand People
75.1	21.7	17.1			147.5	10.6
		Service Inventions	Non-service Inventions			
		15.9	1.2			
PCT International Patents (Unit: One Item)						
Accepted Domestic Applications	Applied for More Than 100 Enterprises	Applied for More Than One Thousand Enterprises		Submitted More Than 500 Provincial (District, City) Applications		
20016	17	3		7		
Notes	Applied for More Than 1,000 Enterprises:					
	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.; Ping An Technology (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.; BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd.					
	Applied for over 500 Cities (Unit: One)					
	Guangdong	Beijing	Jiangsu	Shanghai	Shandong	Zhejiang
	10,070	2,800	2,200	1,000	800	800
Trademarks (Unit: Ten Thousand)						
Review Collaboration Center	Reception Window	Cumulative Applications	Registered	Effective Registrations	Madrid Registrations	
6	123	3,142		1,939.5	1,680.7	2,228
Notes	The registration review cycle has been shortened from 8 months to 7months					Third in the Madrid League
Patent Administration Law Enforcement (Units: Ten Thousand Cases/Million RMB)						
Total Cases	Patent Disputes	Patent Infringement Disputes	Counterfeit Patents	Trademark Infringement	Case Value	
1.99	1.24	1.21	7,541	1.36	> 210 million RMB	