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## Policies and Regulations

### ***Regulations on the Protection of Olympic Symbols Amended and Published***

The Regulations on the Protection of Olympic Symbols (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") were amended and promulgated. They came into force on July 31, 2018. The amended regulations improve the scope, confirmation and protection of Olympic symbols.

The regulations establish the period of validity and the renewal procedure for the Olympic symbols by setting the period of validity of the Olympic symbols at 10 years (renewable) from the date of announcement.

(Source: [www.sptl.com.cn](http://www.sptl.com.cn))

### **Notice Concerning the Simplification of Application Materials Required for a Trademark Rejection Review**

1. To facilitate review, the Trademark Review and Adjudication Board (TRAB) has further simplified the application requirements for the review of rejected trademark applications.

2. From September 1, 2018, an application for a trademark rejection review (excluding refusals issued for Madrid international territorial extension applications) is to be filed with TRAB.;

If the name of the applicant for review is the same as the name of the registered applicant, the applicant's principal qualification certificate no longer needs to be submitted.

(Source: Trademark Review and Adjudication Board of the State Intellectual Property Office)

## Intellectual Property

### **Chinese Companies Paid Over 28 Billion USD in Royalties to Foreign Countries in 2017.**

According to statistics, Chinese companies paid more than 28 billion USD in royalties to foreign countries last year. They have paid 30 billion USD in the first eight months of this year, much of it to U.S. companies.

(Source: IPR Daily )

### **World Intellectual Property Organization Publishes 2018 PCT Almanac**

A few days ago the World Intellectual Property Organization released the 2018 PCT Almanac (hereinafter referred to as the "Almanac"). According to the Almanac, in 2017 the number of PCT international patent applications from China reached 48,882, surpassing Japan for the first time and ranking second in the world. A total of 523.55 million applicants from 126 countries and regions submitted 243,000 PCT patent applications in 2017, an increase of 4.5% from 2016. Huawei ranked first on the global applicant list with 4,024 PCT international patent applications, while ZTE and China BOE Technology Group ranked second and seventh, respectively.

(Source: State Intellectual Property Office)

## Intellectual Property

### **China's Newly Emerging Service Imports Grow at Over 20 Percent Rate**

According to reports, from January to August this year China's newly emerging service imports increased rapidly, accounting for 23.6% of service imports, up 1.6 % from the same period last year. The growth rate for the import of financial services; intellectual property royalties; and telecommunications, computers and information services all exceeded 20% at 47.1 %, 23.3% and 23.2 %, respectively.

(Source: State Intellectual Property Office)

## Patents

### **Global Competitiveness of China's Agricultural Patents Rises Significantly**

Recently the 2017 China Agricultural and Technology Treatise and Global Patent Competitiveness Analysis was released in Beijing. From 2014 to 2016 China ranked first in the world in the number of applications for agricultural invention patents, and the growth rate of technological development over the past five years remained in first place. China also ranks first in the fields of horticulture, planting and seeding techniques, feed and fertilizer.

(Source: State Intellectual Property Office)