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Patents

The Sino-Russia PPH Pilot Project will be extended

As jointly decided by the CNIPA (the China Intellectual Property Administration) and the Rospatent (the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (of the Russian Federation)), the Sino-Russia PPH Pilot Program will be extended indefinitely from July 1, 2023 and on. All requirements and procedures involved in this pilot project will continue to apply the Sino-Russia PPH Guidelines.

PPH stands for Patent Prosecution Highway between different countries and/or regions and aims to expedite the patent examination process through work sharing between the different patent offices. Since the establishment of the first PPH program in November 2011, the CNIPA has launched PPH cooperation with patent offices in 31 countries or regions.

(Source: CNIPA's official WeChat account)

Intellectual Property

CNIPA releases the White Paper on IPR Protection in China (2022)

Recently, the CNIPA released the *White Paper on IPR Protection in China (2022)* (the “White Paper”). According to the *White Paper*, in the year 2022 the overall registration of various IP rights kept on rising, with the quality and efficiency of IP rights review and examination being steadily improved. Among these IP rights, the governance on the order of patent prosecution and trademark registration has achieved remarkable progress and provided powerful support for optimizing the business environment.

1. Patent

Granting and Growth Rates of Patents in 2022		
	Granting	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Inventions	798,000	14.7
Utility Models	2,804,000	-10.1
Designs	721,000	-8.2%
Patents in Force and their Growth Rates in 2022		
	Patents in Force	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Inventions	421.2	17.1
Domestic (exclusive of Hong Kong and Macau SARs and Taiwan Region)	328.0	21.3
Utility Models	1083.5	17.2
Designs	283.2	9.7

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Statistics on PCT Applications in 2022

	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
PCT applications	740,000	1.4
by domestic applicants	69,000	1.1

Statistics on Patent Reexamination Requests in 2022

	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Patent reexamination requests	105,100	38.1
Further classified	Number	Percentage (%)
Objecting decisions on rejection of invention patent applications	96,700	92.0
Objecting decisions on rejection of utility model patent applications	7,700	7.4
Objecting decisions on rejection of design patent applications	600	0.6

Statistics on Patent Reexamination Cases Concluded in 2022

	Number of cases concluded	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Patent Reexamination Cases	62,700	16.1
Further classified	Number of cases concluded	Percentage (%)
Involving inventions	59,000	94.1
Involving utility models	3,100	4.9
Involving designs	600	1

Statistics on Patent Invalidation Requests in 2022

	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Patent invalidation requests	7,095	-7.0
Further classified	Number	Percentage (%)
Involving inventions	1,431	20.2
Involving utility models	3,156	44.5
Involving designs	2,508	35.3

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Statistics on Patent Invalidation Cases in 2022		
	Number of cases concluded	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Patent invalidation cases	7,879	11.5
Further classified	Number of cases concluded	Percentage (%)
Involving inventions	1,691	21.5
Involving utility models	3,537	44.9
Involving designs	2,651	33.6

2.Trademarks

Statistics on Trademark Registrations and Trademarks in Force in 2022		
	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Trademark registrations	6,177,000	-20.2
Trademarks in force	42,672,000	14.6
Statistics on Trademark Opposition Requests and Reviews in 2022		
	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Trademark opposition requests	145,800	-17.17
Trademark opposition reviews	169,300	3.17
Statistics on Trademark Oppositions Supported in 2022		
	Fully Supported (%)	Partially Supported (%)
Trademark oppositions supported	45.11	11.8
Statistics on Trademark Review and Adjudication Cases in 2022		
	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Trademark review and adjudication cases accepted	422,700	-10.58
Trademark review and adjudication cases issued	411,700	7.55

3.Copyright

Statistics on Copyright Registration in 2022		
	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Total registrations	6,353,100	1.42
Further classified	Number	Annual Growth Rate (%)
Works registered	4,517,400	13.39
Computer software copyrights registered	1,835,300	-19.50

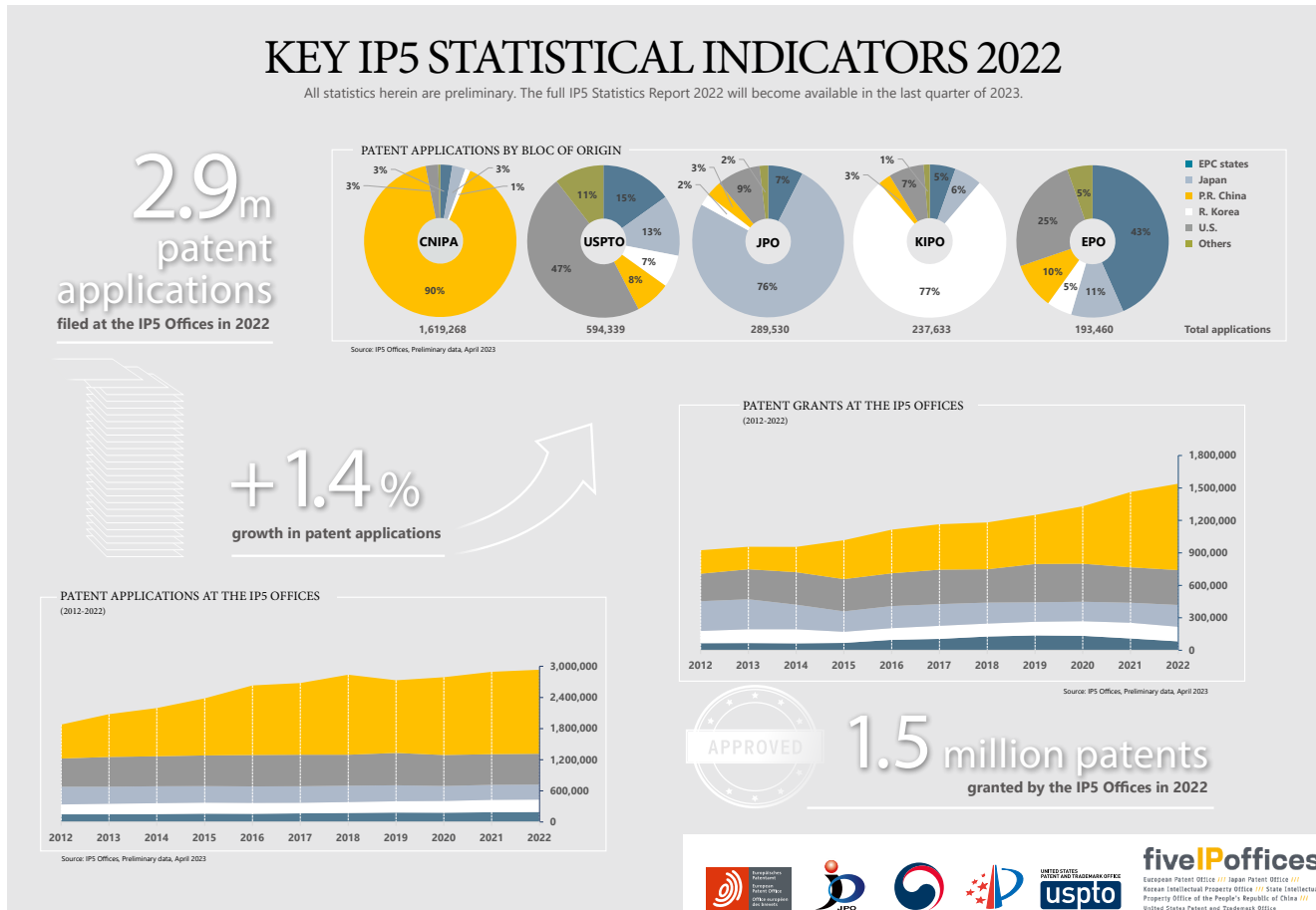
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3.Geographical Indications

In 2022 the CNIPA approved 5 new geographical indication products and 514 geographical indications to be registered as collective marks or certification marks. The CNIPA also approved 6,373 market entities to use the special mark for geographical indications. As of the end of 2022, the CNIPA has approved a cumulative total of 2,495 geographical indication products, and a cumulative total of 7,076 geographical indications to be registered as collective marks or certification marks. A total of 23,484 market entities have been cumulatively approved to use the special mark for geographical indications.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

CNIPA releases Key IP5 Statistical Indicators 2022



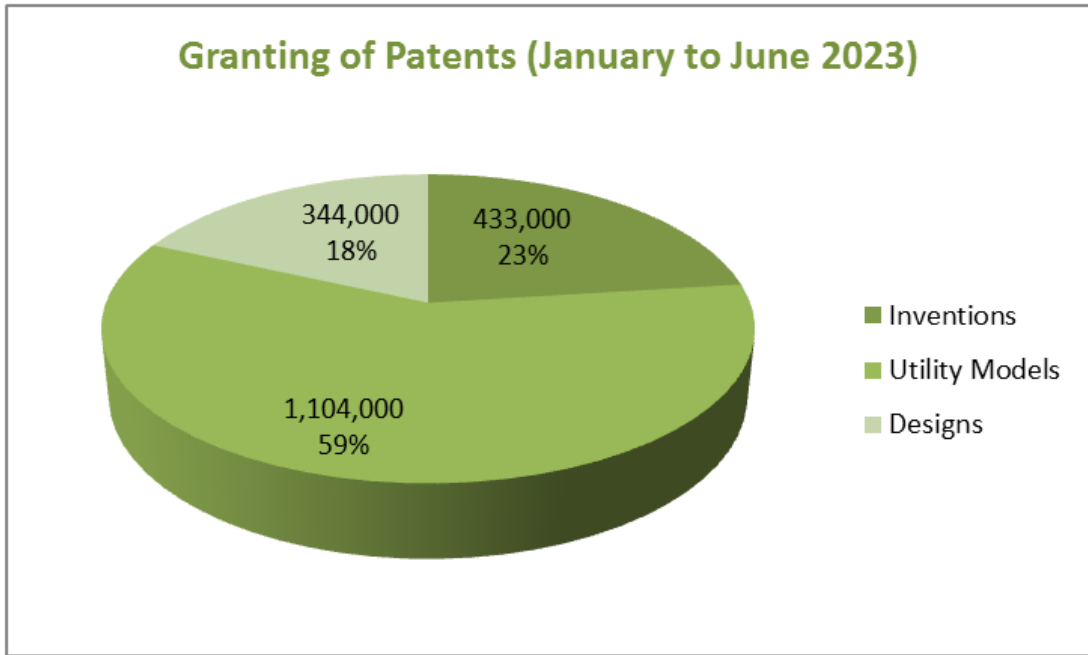
(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

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The State Council Information Office Hosts an Intellectual Property Work Press Conference and Releases Major Statistical Data in the First Half of 2023

On July 18, the State Council Information Office hosted a press conference on IP work in the first half of 2023. The relevant principal introduced the general conditions of IP work during the said period and answered questions from journalists. At the press conference, the CNIPA's Deputy Director, Mr. Wenhui Hu, released the following major statistical data:

1. Patents



Invention Patents in Force and Annual Growth Rate		
	Quantity	Growth Rate
As of June 2022	3,908,000	--
As of June 2023	4,568,000	16.9%

Besides, in the first half of 2023, the CNIPA accepted 35,000 PCT applications. A total of 33,000 patent reexamination cases and 4,433 patent invalidation cases were concluded. Also, a total of 957 international applications for industrial design were submitted through the Hague System by Chinese applicants.

2. Trademarks

Valid Registered Trademarks and Annual Growth Rate		
	Quantity	Growth Rate
As of June 2022	40,545,000	--
As of June 2023	44,235,000	9.1%

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3.Geographical Indications

In the first half of 2023, 3 geographical indication products were approved, and 97 geographical indications were approved to be registered as collective marks or certification marks. Also, 3,509 market participants were approved to use the special mark for geographical indications.

As of the end of June, an aggregate of 2,498 geographical indication products have been approved, and 7,173 geographical indications have been approved to be registered as collective marks or certification marks. Also, over 25,000 market participants have been approved to use the special mark for geographical indications.

4.Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits

In the first half of 2023, a total of 4,861 certificates were issued for layout designs of integrated circuits in China.

As of June 30, an aggregate of 66,000 certificates were issued for layout designs of integrated circuits in China.

5.Protection for IP Rights

In the first half of 2023, IP administrations at all levels across China handled a total of 21,000 administrative cases involving patent infringement disputes, and guided IP dispute mediation organizations to accept 50,000 mediation cases. Also, the construction of the first-batch 10 National Intellectual Property Protection Demonstrative Zones was launched during this period.

6.Application of IP Rights

Patent and Trademark Pledge Financing Amount and Annual Growth Rate		
	Amount (billion RMB)	Growth Rate
January to June 2022	162.61	--
January to June 2023	267.66	64.6%

Total Import and Export Amount of Intellectual Property Royalties and Annual Growth Rate		
	Amount (billion RMB)	Growth Rate
January to May 2022	149.13	--
January to May 2022	157.78	5.8%

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)