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Patents

CNIPA: Patent-related Statistics in 2020

Statistics Table of Domestic and Foreign Patent Authorizations

January-December 2020

Classification by domestic and foreign		Inventions		Utility Models		Design Patents	
		Granted	Percentage	Granted	Percentage	Granted	Percentage
Total	Subtotal	530127	100.0%	2377223	100.0%	731918	100.0%
	Duty	511997	96.6%	2069417	87.1%	441731	60.4%
	Non-duty	18130	3.4%	307806	12.9%	290187	39.6%
Domestic	Subtotal	440691	100/83.1	2368651	100/99.6	711559	100/97.2
	Duty	423767	96.2%	2061438	87.0%	422394	59.4%
	Non-duty	16924	3.8%	307213	13.0%	289165	40.6%
Foreign	Subtotal	89436	100/16.9	8572	100/0.4	20359	100/2.8
	Duty	88230	98.7%	7679	93.1%	19337	95.0%
	Non-duty	1206	1.3%	593	6.9%	1022	5.0%

Note: In this report, the number of granted patents is calculated according to the date of authorization announcement.

Statistics Table of Domestic and Foreign Valid Patents

December 2020

Classification by domestic and foreign		Inventions		Utility Models		Design Patents	
		In Validity	Percentage	In Validity	Percentage	In Validity	Percentage
Total	Subtotal	3057844	100.0%	6947697	100.0%	2187356	100.0%
	Duty	2953160	99.6%	6302166	90.7%	1445839	66.1%
	Non-duty	104684	3.4%	645531	9.3%	741517	33.9%
Domestic	Subtotal	2279123	100/74.5	6895886	100/99.3	741517	100/94.3
	Duty	2183807	95.8%	6252689	90.7%	1324970	64.3%
	Non-duty	95316	4.2%	643197	9.3%	736889	35.7%
Foreign	Subtotal	778721	100/25.5	51811	100/0.7	125497	100/5.7
	Duty	769353	98.8%	49477	95.5%	120869	96.3%
	Non-duty	9368	1.2%	2334	4.5%	4628	3.7%

Statistics Table of PCT Patent Application Acceptance Status

December 2020

Classification by domestic and foreign	Total for that month		Cumulative total for that year	
	Granted	Percentage	Granted	Percentage
Total	9615	100.0%	72349	100.0%
Domestic	9168	95.4%	66948	92.5%
Foreign	447	4.6%	5401	7.5%

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

Patents

CNIPA: Complete Cancellation of Patent Application Funding Before the End of June This Year

On January 27, the China National Intellectual Property Administration ("CNIPA") issued the *Notice on Further Strictly Regulating Patent Application Behaviors*, requiring that no binding assessment and evaluation indicators for the amount of patent applications should be set, and that no financial support should be given to patent application activities in any form such as grants, rewards, subsidies, etc. Funding at all levels of patent application stages will be completely cancelled before the end of June 2021.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

Trademarks

CNIPA: Trademark-related Statistics in 2020

Statistics Table of Domestic and Foreign Trademark Registrations and Valid Registrations

December 2020

Classification by domestic and foreign	Registrations		Valid Registrations	
	Cumulative total for that year	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Total	5760652	100.0%	30173085	100.0%
Domestic	5576545	96.8%	28393188	94.1%
Foreign	184107	3.2%	1779897	5.9%

Note: Note: 1. The cumulative statistics date of the current year was from December 16th of the previous year to the 15th of that month; the statistics date of valid registrations was to the 15th of that month.

2. The data came from the Trademark Bureau database, and the extraction time is the end of the current month.

Statistics Table of Foreign Trademark Registrations in China

December 2020

Total for that month	Cumulative total for that year
Number of Registrations	Number of Registrations
15029	184107

Note: 1. The statistics date of the total for the current month was from the 16th of the previous month to the 15th of that month; the statistics date of the cumulative total for that year was from December 16th of the previous year to the 15th of that month.

Statistics Table of Trademark Opposition Services

December 2020

Item	Total for that month	Cumulative total for that year
Application for opposition	14103	134326
Ruling on opposition	16688	149000

Note: 1. The statistics date of the total for the current month was from the 16th of the previous month to the 15th of that month; the statistics date of the cumulative total for that year was from December 16th of the previous year to the 15th of that month.

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Statistics Table of Trademark Review Cases

December 2020

Item	Type of case	Total for the current month	Cumulative total for the current year
Application for review cases	Review of rejection	32107	298171
	Review of non-registration	419	3222
	Review of revocation of registered trademark	1840	12615
	Invalidation	5310	53019
	Total	39676	367029
	Ruling on review cases	Review of rejection	27162
Review of non-registration		204	2177
Review of revocation of registered trademark		1212	13396
Invalidation		5177	42778
Total		33758	358285

- Note: 1. The cumulative total of applications for review cases that year included 2 invalidation review cases.
 2. The total for ruling on review cases that month included 3 opposition review cases. The cumulative total of rulings that year included 54 opposition review cases.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

Monthly Report on the Trial of Trademark Review and Adjudication Cases (2020.12.16-2021.1.15)

1. Receipt of trademark review and adjudication cases

Type of case	Number	Year-on-year increase (↑) or decrease (↓)
Applications for review of rejection	32079	2.14% ↓
Applications for complicated cases involving both parties	7900	30.97% ↑
Total	39979	3.01% ↑

2. Trial of trademark review and adjudication cases

Type of case	Number	Year-on-year increase (↑) or decrease (↓)
Issue of refusal of cases of review	26297	11.72% ↓
Issue of complicated cases	6298	11.47% ↑
Total	32595	8.02% ↓

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3. Statistics of ruling results (statistics by category)

Type of case	Review of refusal			Invalidation			Review of revocation			Review of disapproval of registration		
	Whole refusal	Partial refusal	Preliminary approval	Whole invalidation	Partial invalidation	Validation	Whole revocation	Partial revocation	Disapproval of revocation	Disapproval of registration	Partial disapproval of registration	Approval of registration
Amount (piece)	16926	2942	6429	2946	590	1375	472	361	221	195	95	42
Percentage (%)	64.36	11.19	24.45	59.99	12.01	28.00	44.78	34.25	20.97	58.73	28.61	12.65

4. Administrative reconsideration of trademark review and adjudication cases

	Number	Year-on-year increase (↑) or decrease (↓)
Acceptance of administrative reconsideration applications	113	20.98% ↓
Conclusion of administrative reconsideration cases	161	114.67% ↑

5. Administrative litigation work concerning trademark review cases

	Number	Year-on-year increase (↑) or decrease (↓)	Month-on-month increase (↑) or decrease (↓)
First instance cases (as defendant)	1593	27.03% ↑	13.42% ↓
Second instance cases (as appellee)	768	10.03% ↑	41.18% ↑
Retrial cases (as respondent)	13	85.71% ↑	93.33% ↓

(Source: Trademark Review WeChat platform)

Intellectual Property

CNIPA: Statistics of Other Intellectual Property Rights in 2020

Statistics Table of Geographical Indication Business

December 2020

Item	Cumulative total for that year
Applications for geographical indication products (unit)	10
Approved geographical indication products (unit)	6
Approved companies using special signs	1052
Geographical indication trademark registrations (piece)	765

Note: 1. The cumulative statistical date of geographical indication trademarks in that year was from December 16th of the previous year to 15th of that month.

2. The cumulative statistics of the number of enterprises approved to use special signs in that year included 531 enterprises approved to use special signs of geographical indications by the provincial intellectual property management department registered with the CNIPA.

Intellectual Property

Statistics Table of Integrated Circuit Layout Design Registration December 2020

Item	Total	2001-2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Application	45888	4476	1464	1778	1561	1838	2058	2360	3228	4431	8319	14375
Issuance	38869	3966	1329	1629	1612	1553	1800	2154	2670	3815	6614	11727

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)