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**SIPO Expedite Invention Patents**

**Prosecution**

SIPO promulgated the "Measures for the Administration of Priority Review of Invention Patent Applications" on June 18 and they become effective on August 1.

Based on the Measures the invention patent applications involving energy conservation, new energy, alternative energy vehicles and low-carbon technology can be examined with priority review over regular applications and will be completed within one year.

The Measures also require the applications are filled electronically, the forms must be submitted to the local patent office for approval, and a request for a search report is filed.

<http://www.chinalawandpractice.com/Article/3058882/SIPO-speeds-up-invention-patents.html?Print=true>

**Chinese Patent Documentation Listed in PCT Minimum Documentation**

On July 1, Chinese patent documentation was officially incorporated in PCT minimum documentation and became the mandatory search contents in PCT examination. Thus,

China becomes the 11th whose patent documentation was listed in PCT minimum documentation.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=4979>

**Sino-Russian Patent Highway**

A one-year Sino-Russian "patent highway" initiative began operation on July 1 to share results of intellectual property offices in the two countries.

The effort is designed to streamline patent application procedures and help companies enter markets in China and Russia.

[http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/chinaworld/201207/1669621\\_1.html](http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/chinaworld/201207/1669621_1.html)

**China Hails Signing of WIPO Audiovisual Treaty**

China hailed the signing of an international treaty in Beijing by the World Intellectual Property Organization on protecting audiovisual performers' rights.

The clause will strengthen the economic rights of actors and audiovisual performers and provide extra income from their work.

It will potentially enable performers to share proceeds with producers for revenues generated internationally by audiovisual productions. It will also grant performers moral rights to prevent lack of attribution or distortion of their performances.

[http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme  
nt/201206/1668422\\_1.html](http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme<br/>nt/201206/1668422_1.html)

### **China Foster Patent Examination Culture**

SIPO started to construct patent examination culture and determined the year 2012 as examination culture year, targeting to create examination environment favorable for improving examination theory and exerting organizational effectiveness and build cultural atmosphere propitious to contributing examination wisdom and fostering talents.

[http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme  
nt/201207/1671614\\_1.html](http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme<br/>nt/201207/1671614_1.html)

### **IPR Crackdown Targets Web**

The Chinese government started a nationwide campaign against copyright infringement on the Internet. Apart from illegally providing music, videos and books in digital form without authorization, the online trade of pirated software, books and audio-visual products will also be a main target of the campaign.

The crackdown, which runs from July to November, is organized by the NCA, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Industry and

Information Technology, and China Internet Information Center.

[http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme  
nt/201207/1670247\\_1.html](http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/governme<br/>nt/201207/1670247_1.html)

### **IPR Violation Cases Drop**

China's ongoing efforts at cracking down on intellectual property rights violation revealed that the number of cases had dropped in the first five months of the year. The government tackled 120,291 cases of counterfeiting, worth an estimated 2.93 billion yuan (\$46.5 million) in value.

[http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/headlines/  
201207/1671403\\_1.html](http://www.chinaipr.gov.cn/newsarticle/news/headlines/<br/>201207/1671403_1.html)