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**Copyright Administrative Enforcement Punishment Rules Solicits Comment**

The National Copyright Administration (NCAC) of China released the revised Copyright Administrative Punishment Implementing Measures, and solicits comments from the public. Comments are due Sept 30, 2015.

The new draft addresses issues such as punishment of network service providers, harmonizing administrative enforcement with detailed standards.

<http://www.chinalaw.gov.cn/article/cazjgg/201509/20150900478945.shtml>

**Industry Design Data of China Integrated into DesignView**

On 14 September 2015, the industry design data of China were integrated into DesignView - a design search tool which is developed and maintained by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market of the European Union (OHIM). Through DesignView industry design data of China can be searched by the general public.

On the same day, in addition to the State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) of China, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) and the United States Patent and

Trademark Office (USPTO) make their industry design data available to the DesignView as well.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201509/t20150916\\_1176730.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201509/t20150916_1176730.html)

**Increasing Requests for Design Patent Evaluation**

The system of design patent evaluation report was added to the Patent Law of China in the third Amendment of Patent Law, and enforced from Oct. 1st, 2009. As a supplementary to design patent preliminary examination system, patentee or interested party can request for a design patent evaluation report and submit it in legal proceedings or for the protection in e-commerce and at the customs.

The number of issued evaluation report increased from 33 in 2010 to 4,052 in 2014, and the number of which in 2015 reached to 3,311 by Aug. 15th, up 53% from last year.

According to SIPO's Officials the product types for which they receive most patent evaluation requests are mainly in fields that are close to people's daily lives, such as furniture, home decoration, lighting, packaging, communications and transportation equipment.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201509/t20150911\\_1173831.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/official/201509/t20150911_1173831.html)

### **China Files 20% More Int'l Patent Applications**

China submitted 18,700 patent applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in the first eight months, 20 percent more than a year ago, encouraging signs for the country's promotion of creativity.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=8140>

### **Sound Mark Applications Received Protection under new Trademark Law**

The Chinese Trademark Office (CTMO) has announced that by the end of June 2015 there had been 235 applications for sound marks in China. The announcement was made as part of events to mark the first anniversary of revisions to the Chinese Trademark Law. The revised Law introduced protection for sound marks in China for the first time.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201509/t20150911\\_1173907.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201509/t20150911_1173907.html)

### **China IPR Courts Efficient in Operations**

Three courts specializing in intellectual property rights (IPR) in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou have received more than 10,000 cases since set up in last Nov. 2014, according to the Supreme People's Court (SPC).

The three courts mainly deal with cross-regional civil and administrative lawsuits regarding patents, new plant varieties, integrated circuit layout design and technological knowledge.

According to SPC, judges of these IPR courts have been hearing cases with evidently increased efficiency. The courts had closed a combined 4,160 cases by Aug. 20, among which the Beijing court handled 2,348 cases.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=8129>

### **China's Silicon Valley Reports Rise in Patents, R&D Investment**

The Zhongguancun Science Park in Beijing, dubbed China's Silicon Valley, has reported a boost in patents, research and development funds, and new companies this year. In the first half of 2015, enterprises in the park gained 5,538 patents in the first six months (up 51.3%) and 14,240 patent licenses (up 31%).

Zhongguancun Science Park is the country's first innovation demonstration zone approved by the State Council in 2009 and aims to become a technological innovation center with global influence.

[http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201509/t20150911\\_1173871.html](http://english.sipo.gov.cn/news/iprspecial/201509/t20150911_1173871.html)

### **SIPO Renews Cooperation Agreement with IP Australian**

SIPO and IP Australia renewed their cooperation agreement, according to which the two authorities will collaborate on patent searches and examinations, quality management, personnel training and exchanges of publications.

<http://www.chinaipmagazine.com/en/news-show.asp?id=8114>