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01. Changes in the amount of Eurasian fees

**EAPO REVISES FEES
FOR EURASIAN
PATENT
APPLICATIONS AND
PROCEDURES AMID
ECONOMIC CHANGES**

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Certain fees in the Eurasian Patent Organization will be amended as of February 1, 2025. Due to inflation and exchange rate volatility, certain fees for Eurasian applications and patents for inventions have been indexed, including fees for filing applications, conducting examinations, amending and modifying documents, filing appeals, extending missed time limits, restoring rights, etc. The unitary procedural fee will amount to 60,000 rubles. Find out more about the new fees in the "Statute on Fees." Applicants from the EAPO Member States are granted reduced tariffs: state universities and educational organizations shall pay 30% of the total amount of fees; natural persons shall pay 10% of the total amount of fees. Legal entities receive a 10% discount when paying fees... [Read more](#)

02. EA-PPH PROGRAM ENTERS INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 2025

**EAPO INTRODUCES EA-
PPH PROGRAM FOR
ACCELERATED PATENT
EXAMINATION ACROSS
MEMBER STATES**

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The Eurasian Patent Prosecution Highway program (EA-PPH program) will enter into force on January 1, 2025, and will be effective for the Eurasian Patent Office and four national patent offices of the EAPO Member States, which signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the Eurasian Patent Prosecution Highway Program on September 9, 2024, namely the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Belarus, the Russian Federation, and the Republic of Tajikistan. The EA-PPH program has been drafted in order to establish a common information and examination space in accordance with the EAPO Development Program for 2023-2028 and to provide an effective tool for cooperation between... [Read more](#)

03. INPI extends the validity of the PPH with China

INPI EXTENDS PPH PILOT PROGRAM WITH CHINA UNTIL NEW AGREEMENT FOR 2025-2029

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In a letter to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the INPI announced the extension of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program with the Asian country, which would end on December 31, 2024. Thus, the PPH between Brazil and China remains in force until the signing of a new memorandum of understanding between the parties, which should be in force between 2025 and 2029... [Read more](#)

04. INPI announces changes to PCT international filing

INPI TO MANDATE ELECTRONIC PCT FILINGS VIA E-PCT SYSTEM

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From July 1, 2025, INPI will only receive international PCT deposits in electronic format through the e-PCT system (<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT/>). Applicants who prefer to make the international deposit on paper must do so directly at the WIPO International Bureau (RO/IB). For more information, access the RO/BR Applicant's... [Read more](#)

05. Shanghai Enhances Data IP Protection with New System

NEW REGULATIONS FOSTER GROWTH OF DATA PRODUCT IP MARKET FACILITATING TRADE AND FINANCING

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Altogether 158 data products have passed government review after Shanghai implemented a new set of regulations aimed at recognizing and protecting the intellectual property rights associated with data-driven innovations in early December the Shanghai Intellectual Property Administration (SIPA) said on Dec 24. Notably, 74 of these products have been successfully listed for trading on the Shanghai Data Exchange,... [Read more](#)

06. The EU-MERCOSUR Agreement: an IP Perspective

**ADVANCING TRADE, IP
PROTECTION, AND
SUSTAINABLE
COOPERATION**

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After more than two decades of negotiations, the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) marks a significant step forward in trade and political relations. The agreement not only aims at economic integration through the removal of trade barriers but also promotes cooperation in key areas such as the environment, human rights, and the protection of intellectual property. In the latter area, the agreement establishes a framework to improve the mutual recognition of rights, the protection of geographical indications, and the promotion of innovation, which are key elements to achieve fairer and more competitive trade between the two regions.

Annex on Intellectual Property in the EU-Mercosur Agreement contains provisions to harmonise protection standards and ensure the effective enforcement of IP rights... [Read more](#)

07. New version of the Nice Classification is now available

**CHANGES TO GOODS
AND SERVICE LISTINGS
AND E-MARCAS SYSTEM
IN 2025**

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On January 1st of this year, the new version of the 12th edition of the Nice Classification, used to categorize the products and services that must be chosen when applying for a trademark registration, came into force.

Check out the updated lists of products and services: One new feature of the update to the e-Marcas petition system was the removal of the selection of pre-approved specifications for some of the items considered illegal by Brazilian standards that caused delays and costs with requirements for process cleanup. The removal of items of this nature will be done gradually... [Read more](#)

08. Saudi Arabia Joins the Hague System

**ACCESSION TO THE
HAGUE SYSTEM
ENHANCES GLOBAL
DESIGN PROTECTION
STARTING APRIL 2025**

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Saudi Arabia has joined the Hague System, expanding the geographical scope of WIPO's international design system to 99 countries. As the largest economy in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia's membership reflects the country's commitment to innovation and strengthens the Hague System's status as a global solution for securing design rights, paving the way for broader adoption in the region

The Government of Saudi Arabia deposited its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement on January 7, 2025. Saudi Arabia becomes the 76th Contracting Party to the Geneva Act and the 82nd member of the Hague Union... [Read more](#)

09. Hague System - Israel modifies its individual designation fees

**NEW FEE STRUCTURE
FOR DESIGNATING
ISRAEL IN THE HAGUE
SYSTEM AND REDUCED
FEE ELIGIBILITY**

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The Government of Israel has announced modifications to its individual designation fees under the Hague System. These changes will take effect on March 24, 2025.

When designating the Israel in an international application, the individual designation fees will be adjusted as follows:

- *114 Swiss francs (default fee) and 68 Swiss francs (reduced fee) for each design included in an international application;*
- *First renewal: 142 Swiss francs for each design;*
- *Second renewal: 170 Swiss francs for each design;*
- *Third renewal: 199 Swiss francs for each design;*
- *Fourth renewal: 227 Swiss francs for each design... [Read more](#)*

10. USPTO announces new Artificial Intelligence Strategy to empower responsible implementation of innovation

**USPTO UNVEILS NEW
AI STRATEGY TO
FOSTER INNOVATION
AND LEADERSHIP IN
INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY**

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WASHINGTON—The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announced a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy to guide the agency's efforts toward fulfilling the potential of AI within USPTO operations and across the intellectual property (IP) ecosystem. The Strategy offers a vision for how the USPTO can foster responsible and inclusive AI innovation, harness AI to support the agency's mission, and advance a positive future for AI to ensure that the country maintains its leadership in innovation.

We have a responsibility to promote, empower, and protect innovation," said Derrick Brent, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director... [Read more](#)

11. Trial Period for the "Accelerated Examination Pilot Program for Design Patents" Extended by Two Years

**TIPO EXPANDS
ACCELERATED
EXAMINATION
PROGRAM FOR DESIGN
PATENTS THROUGH
2026**

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To provide more diverse and flexible examination options for design patent applications, TIPO launched the "Accelerated Examination Pilot Program for Design Patents" on September 1, 2023. Initially set to run until December 31, 2024, the program has now been extended through December 31, 2026. A further evaluation will determine whether to continue or modify the program.

The details of the program are as follows:

1. *Application Timing:* Applicants may file for accelerated examination for design patents after receiving TIPO's notification that the preliminary examination is about to begin and before receiving the first Office Action.
2. *Application Process:* Applicants must file electronically in accordance with TIPO's regulations... [Read more](#)

12. The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has adjusted fees for patents on 1 January 2025

OVERVIEW OF PRICE

ADJUSTMENTS

EFFECTIVE FROM

1 JANUARY 2025

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has made a price adjustment of publication and renewal fees for patents, including validated European patents. The fees have increased by approximately 3.0 percent. The adjustment is valid from 1 January 2025. The Danish Patent and Trademark Office also made a price adjustment on 1 January 2024. Please find an overview of the fees before 1 January 2025 and the fees after 1 January 2025 in the table below. The prices are in DKK.

The price adjustment of the renewal fees is valid for fees due after 31 March 2025. This means that the renewal fees due up until 31 March 2025 will be payable at the rates applicable before... [Read more](#)

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13. The JPO successfully concludes symposium on intellectual property and technology transfer

JPO AND INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE TOKYO CO-HOST 42ND TRILATERAL CONFERENCE ON IP AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Institute of Science Tokyo co-hosted the Trilateral Patent Office Director and Users Meeting International Symposium: 42nd Trilateral Conference International Symposium on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in Tokyo. Subtitled "IP and Technology Transfer: Challenges and Successes with the Collaboration Framework among Academia-Industry-IP Offices", the symposium was also supported by the European Patent Office (EPO), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Additional support was also received from user groups in Japan, the U.S. and Europe—namely the Japan Intellectual Association (JIPA), American Intellectual Property Law Association... [Read more](#)

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14. PPH pilot program between the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property of France (INPI)

**JPO AND INPI EXTEND
PPH PILOT PROGRAM
FOR FIVE MORE YEARS
UNTIL 2029**

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The Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property of France (INPI) have been implementing the PPH pilot program since January 1, 2021. The pilot program has been extended for an additional five years starting from January 1, 2025. The new pilot period is scheduled to end on December 31, 2029, but it may be extended if necessary. Please note that a PCT application cannot directly enter the national phase at the INPI. For certain types of applications eligible for PCT-PPH at the INPI based on a PCT international work product by the JPO please refer to Figures A to C in ANNEX II to the Guidelines for filing with the INPI available on the following page... [Read more](#)

15. TIPO Announces Revised “Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startup Companies”

**TIPO REVISES POSITIVE
PATENT EXAMINATION
PILOT PROGRAM TO
ACCELERATE PATENT
GRANTS FOR
STARTUPS**

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To enable eligible startup companies that have received national awards or participated in TIPO-sponsored programs to obtain patents within four months of application, thereby strengthening their competitive edge in the industry, TIPO has revised the "Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startup Companies." The eligibility criteria have been expanded from startups established for less than eight years to also include companies with innovative R&D capabilities that have received national awards within the past two years and companies guided by organizations commissioned by TIPO. The revised program took effect on Jan. 1, 2025... [Read more](#)

16. TIPO Publishes 2025.01 Edition of International Patent Classification Information

**TIPO TO ADOPT IPC
2025.01 EDITION FOR
PATENT
CLASSIFICATION
STARTING FEBRUARY
5, 2025**

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The information for the 2025.01 edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC) has been published on TIPO's official website. Starting February 5, 2025, TIPO will adopt the new edition (2025.01) for classifying newly filed patent applications. Consequently, the Patent Gazette will reflect the updated classification starting from the March 11, 2025 issue, and the Invention Publication Gazette will adopt the new classification from the April 16, 2025 issue... [Read more](#)

17. Hague System – Reduction in the Individual Designation Fees for the Republic of Moldova

**REDUCE HAGUE
SYSTEM DESIGNATION
FEES STARTING
MARCH 2025**

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From March 1, 2025, there will be a reduction in the individual designation fees applicable when designating the Republic of Moldova under the Hague System.

The new fees will be as follows:

International application

for the first design: 65 Swiss francs

for each additional design: 7 Swiss francs

Renewal

for the first design: 93 Swiss francs

for each additional design: 9 Swiss francs... [Read more](#)