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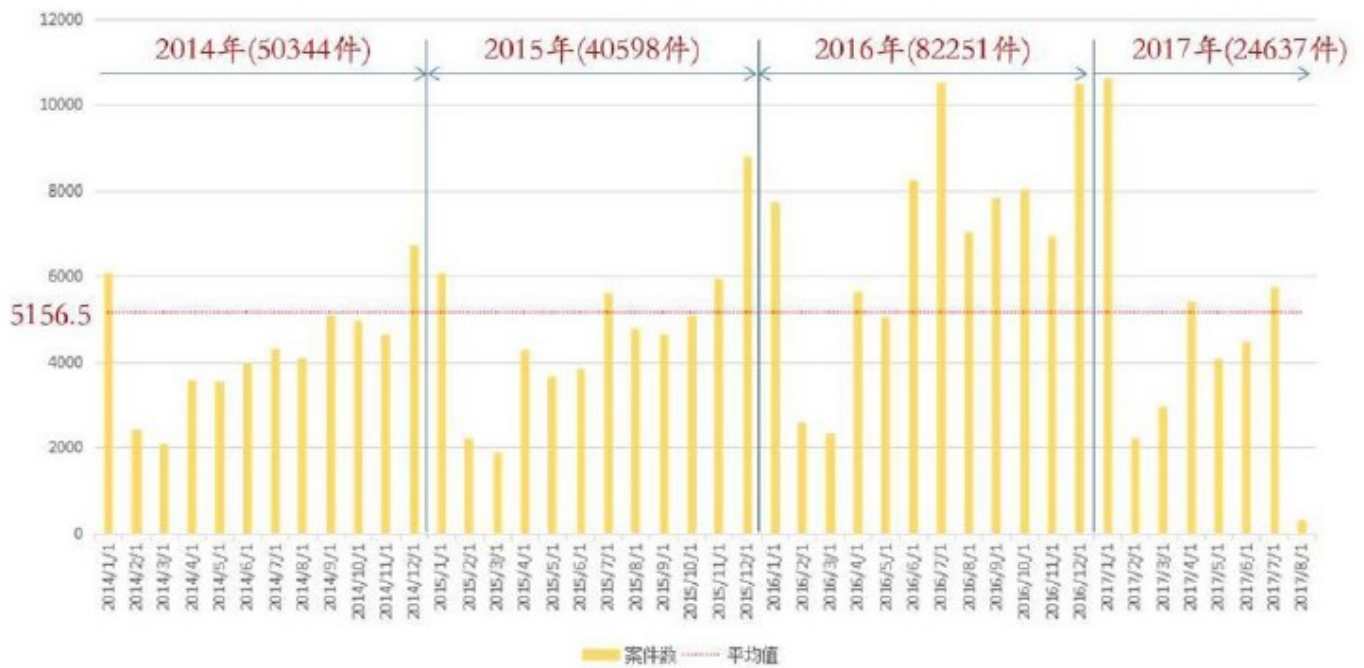
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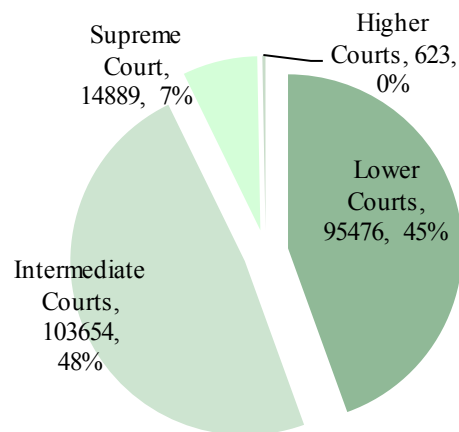
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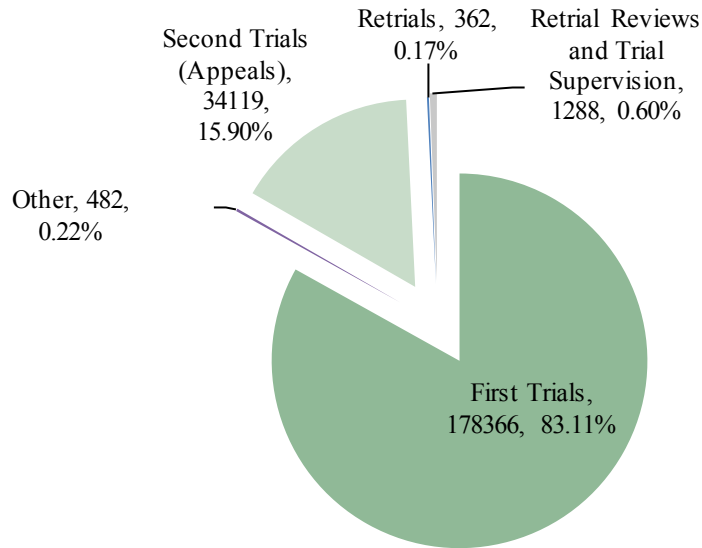
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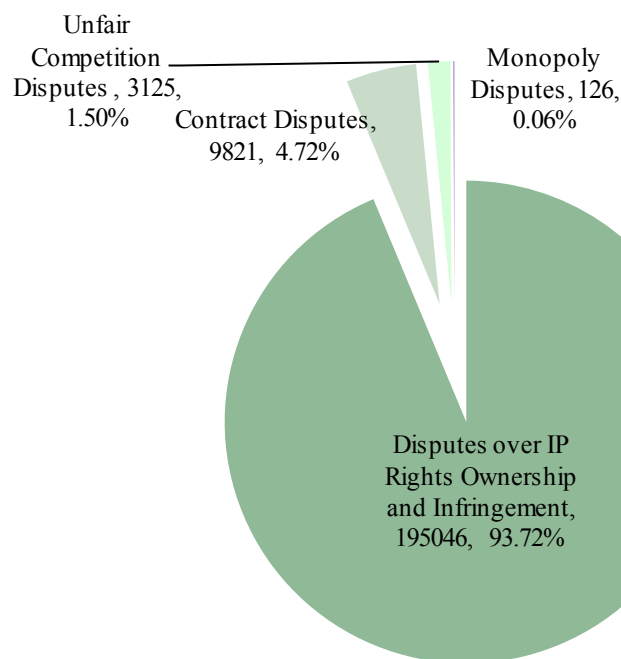
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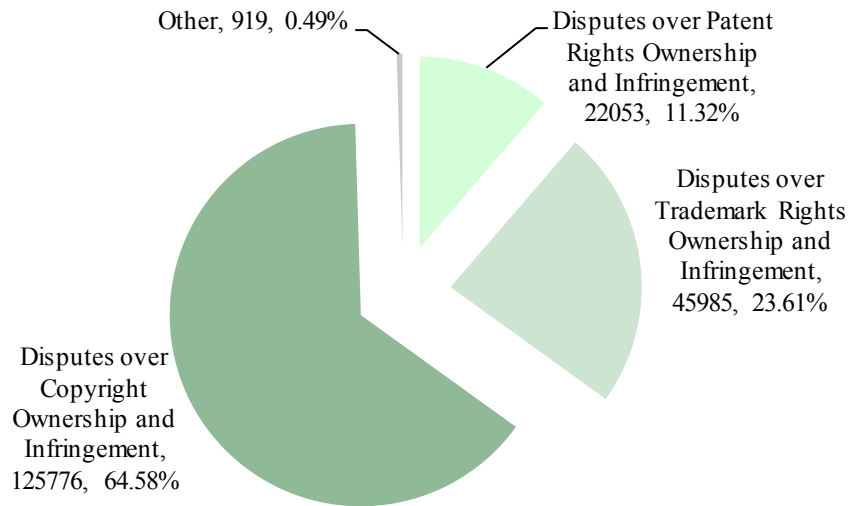
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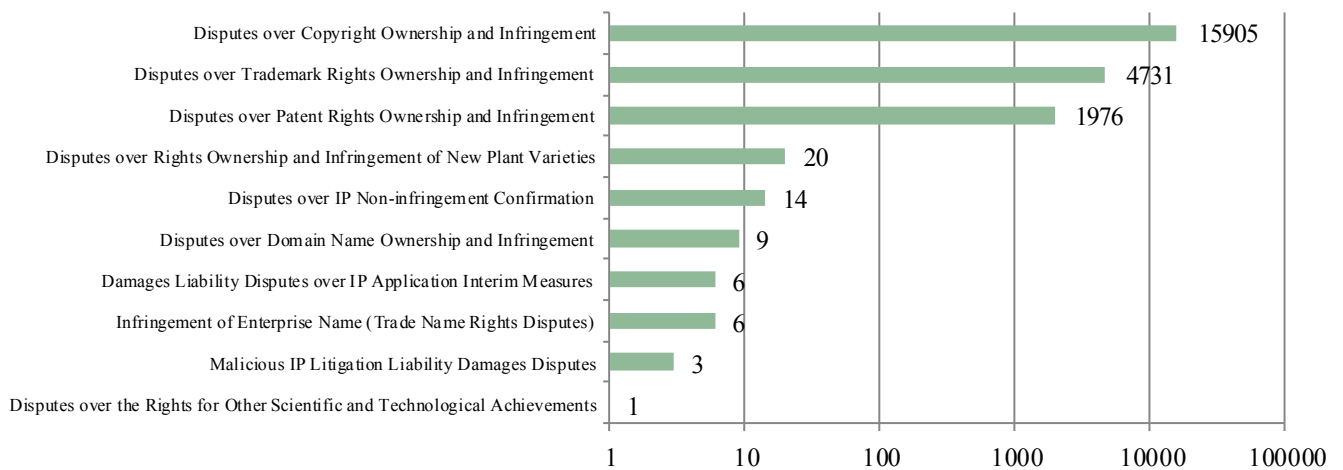
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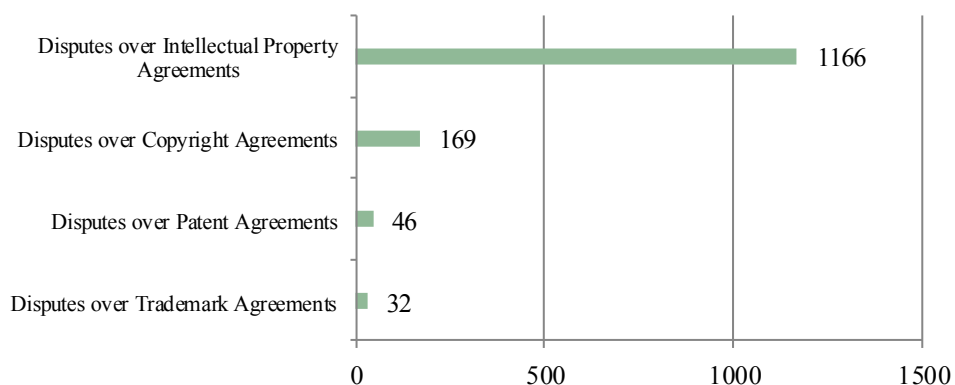
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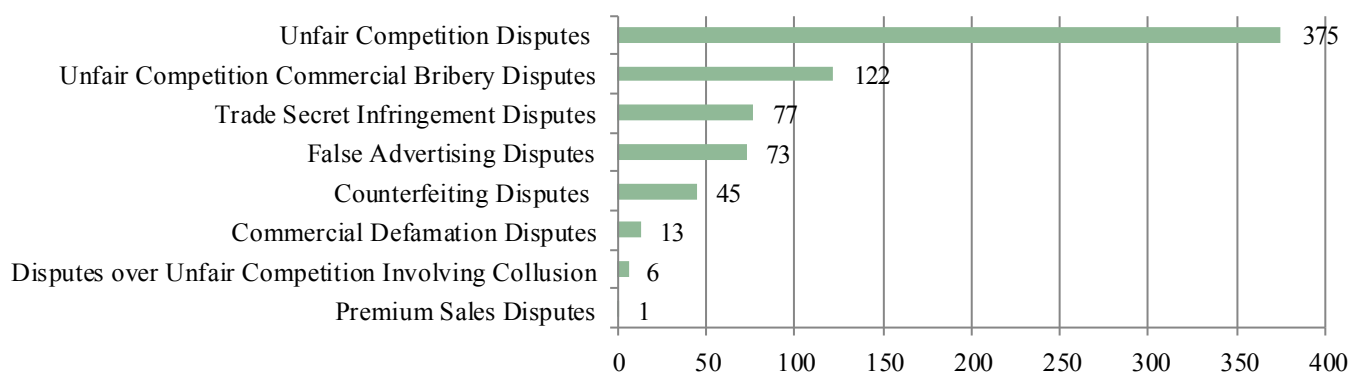
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(Via UP ZHICHANTONG)

Trade Secrets to be Formally Declared a Form of Intellectual Property from October 1st

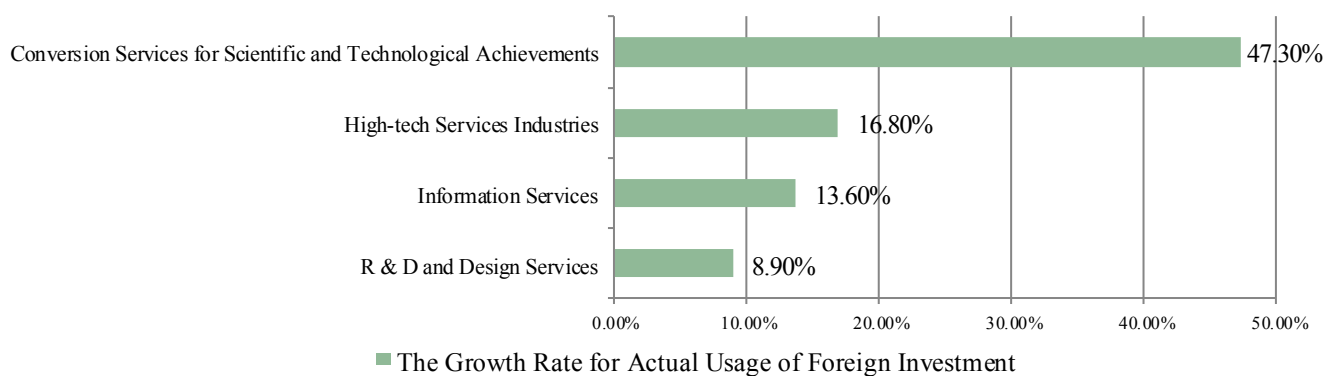
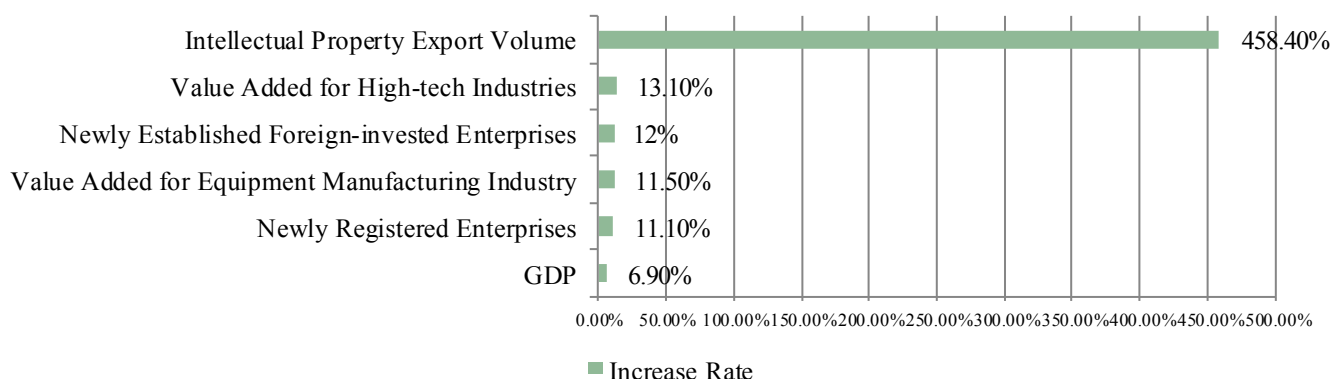
Beginning on October 1st, 2017, Article 123 of the *General Principles of Civil Law* will list trade secrets as a category of intellectual property equaling to copyrights, invention patents utility models, design patents and trademarks.

(Via China Intellectual Property News Website)

Chinese Intellectual Property Export Volume

Increases 458.4% in First Half of 2017

Statistics compiled by the National Statistics Bureau for the first half of 2017 show:



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2017 Guangdong Intellectual Property Trade Expo Turnover Reaches 720,000,000 RMB

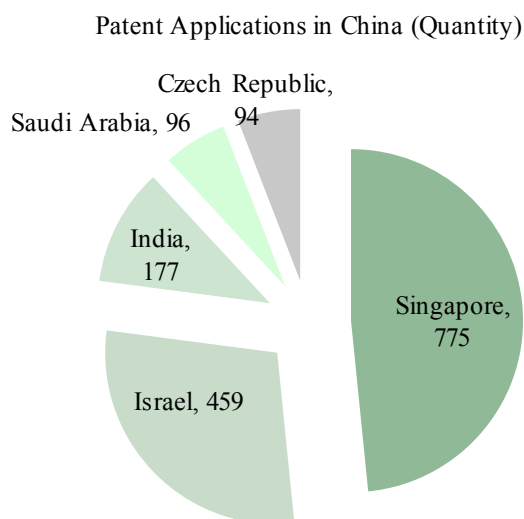
2017 Guangdong Intellectual Property Trade Expo results appear below:

Item	Quantity	Involved Patents
Total Intellectual Property Projects	9,143	18,855
Total Expo Products	8,223	
Two IP Auctions		Involved Patents
Total Turnover	Amount (RMB) 720,000,000	1,301
Promised Amount	21,065,000	32
Patent Packages Auctioned	31,126,000	15(100% Turnover Rate for Patent Packages)
Auction of Six Weeks of Services by Three Patent Agents	306,000	*

(Via Guangdong Intellectual Property Office)

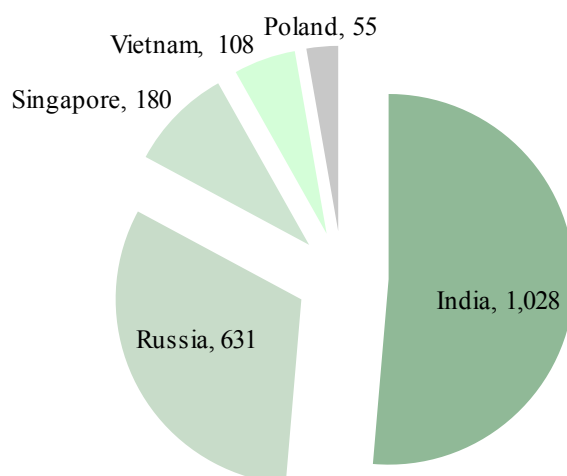
Analysis of “One Belt One Road” Countries’ Patent Dynamics

“One Belt One Road” countries applied for 2,038 patents in China in the first half of 2017, an increase of 23.2% over 2016. The following top five countries totaled 1,601 patent applications, or 78.6% of the total for “One Belt, One Road” countries.

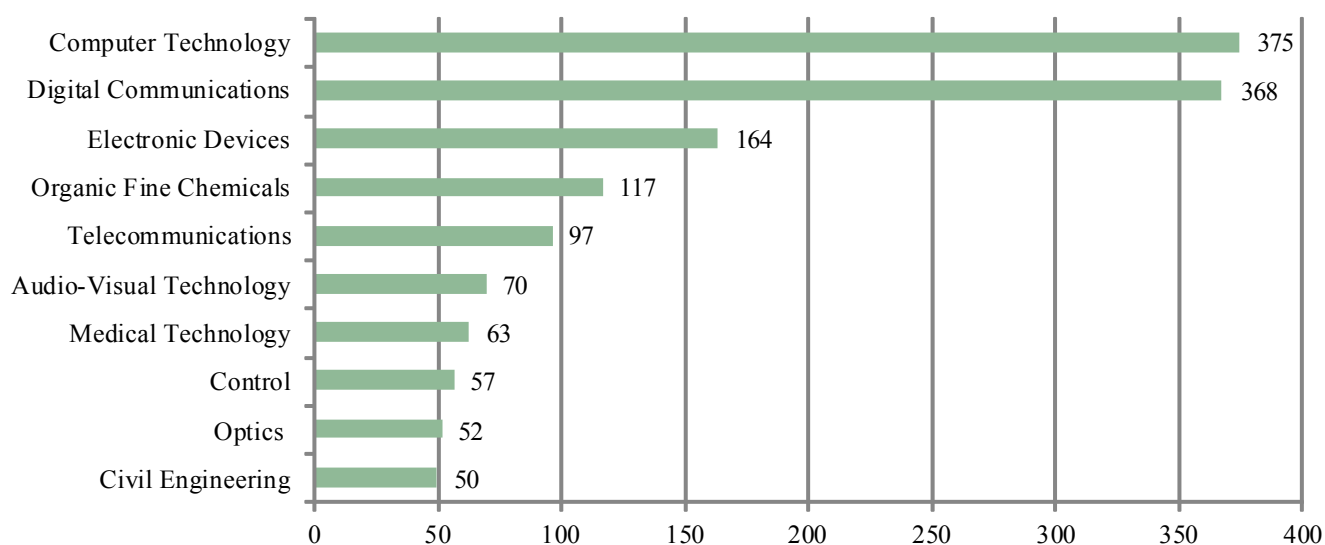


In the first half of 2017 Chinese applicants filed 2,174 national patent applications in 17 “One Belt, One Road” countries (excluding China), for a 17.8% increase over the same period of 2016. Chinese national patent applications in the top five “One Belt, One Road” countries reached 2,002, tending towards a concentrated patent distribution.

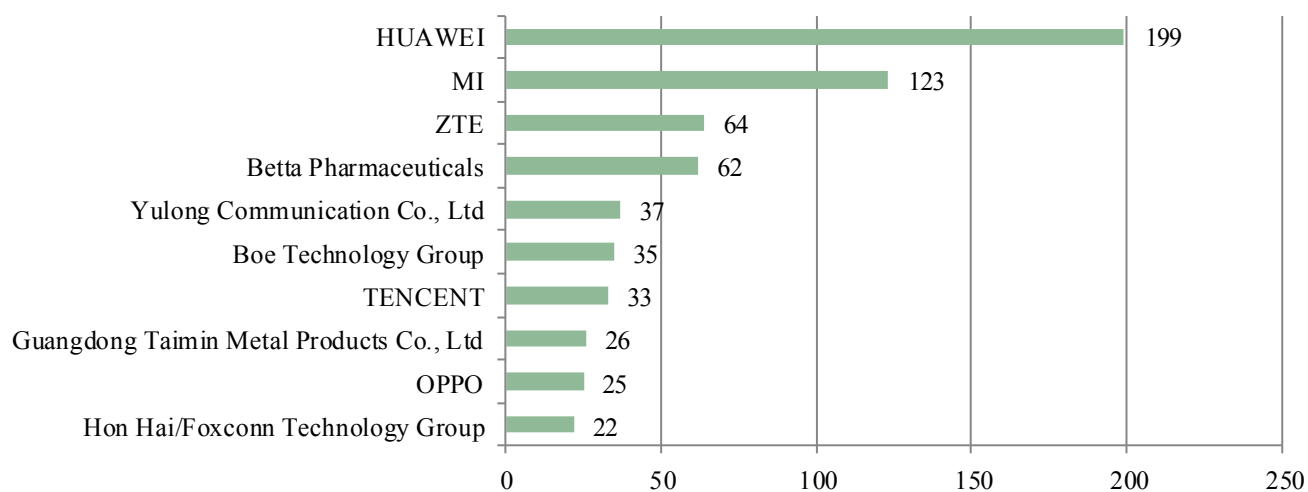
Chinese National Patent Applications in Top Five “One Belt, One Road”



Top 10 Technical Fields for Chinese Patent Applications in “One Belt, One Road” Countries in the First Half of 2017



Top 10 Applicants for Chinese National Patents in “One Belt, One Road” Countries for the First Half of 2017



(Via IPRdaily.cn)

Trademark

Notice of the Trademark Office of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce on Simplifying Application Materials and Formalities for the Madrid International Registration of Trademarks

The application materials and formalities for the Madrid international registration of trademarks are hereby simplified by the Trademark Office of SAIC on 23rd August 2017, as follows:

1.The applicant shall not be required to submit a photocopy of the Notification of Acceptance of Application for Registration of Trademark or a Trademark Registration Certificate when newly applying for Madrid international registration of their trademark. The application shall be consistent with the information accepted or registered in the trademark review system of the Trademark Office. The applicant shall not be required to submit a certified copy of modifications, transfers, renewals, etc. when the basic trademark application is filed through modification, transfer, renewal or subsequent procedures. The applicant shall not be required to supply the English language name certificate filled with its English language name when submitting a Chinese language application.

2.The applicant shall not be required to submit a photocopy of the national registration certificate issued by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization when applying for subsequent Madrid international trademark registration, and the applicant shall not be required to supply the English name certificate when applying in the Chinese language as long as the English language name is included in the transfer application.

3.The applicant shall not be required to submit a certified copy of a basic trademark modification when applying to modify the name and/or address of its agents, as long as the modification has in fact been approved. If the trademark modification has not yet been approved, the applicant may submit a photocopy of a modification document issued by the registration authority or a related document downloaded from the official website as a certified modification document.

The aforementioned measures shall enter into force as of the notification date.

(Via Trademark Office of SAIC)

We're Joining the Silk Road——

Announcing the Establishment of Watson & Band's Gansu Subsidiary

In August 2017, Watson & Band Intellectual Property Agency Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as “Watson & Band”) established its Gansu subsidiary.

Gansu province is located at a key point on the Silk Road, and is surrounded by the famous Hexi Corridor that connects it with the Central Plains and the Western regions. It is not only a conduit to the Central Plains that spreads culture and commerce to the Western regions; it is also one of the most brilliant pearls on the continental expanse of China. Even now, the geographical position of Gansu and its Hexi Corridor remains significant for its Eurasian transnational railway, a critical passageway from central and western Asia to Rotterdam in the Netherlands, as well as a prominent corridor from the Central Plains to Xinjiang province. These attributes endow Gansu with a unique natural strategic value.

In the midst of the economic cooperation among the “One Belt and One Road” countries, Gansu is becoming a part of the modern Silk Road and is developing very rapidly in the fields of technology, transportation, business, etc. Watson & Band's Gansu subsidiary is ready to seize this opportunity with its dedication to leaping forward and offering its professional intellectual property services to diverse Gansu enterprises utilizing its inbound and outbound intellectual property legal experience.



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