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01. EPO concludes working agreement on search co-operation with the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland (IPOI)

EPO AND IRELAND'S IPO SIGN SEARCH COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO BOOST PATENT ACCESS

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The EPO and the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland have signed a working agreement on search co-operation, enabling the EPO to conduct searches and provide written opinions on Irish national patent applications starting 1 July 2025. The initiative aims to support Irish innovators – especially small businesses, universities and individual inventors – by improving access to high-quality patent searches and offering an 80% fee reduction for micro-entities ... [Read more](#)

02. USPTO to assess statutory penalties for false assertions or certifications of small and micro entity status

USPTO TO ENFORCE PENALTIES FOR FALSE SMALL OR MICRO ENTITY CLAIMS

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will begin implementing statutory penalties for falsely made assertions or certifications of small and micro entity status, as part of the USPTO's continuing efforts to mitigate threats to the U.S. patent system and to protect that system's integrity. As required by statute, the USPTO will assess a fine of not less than three times the amount an entity failed to appropriately pay the USPTO when the entity is found to have falsely made an assertion or certification... [Read more](#)

03.USPTO discontinuing Accelerated Examination program for utility applications

**USPTO TO END
ACCELERATED
EXAMINATION FOR
UTILITY PATENTS
FROM JULY 10, 2025**

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Beginning on July 10, 2025, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will no longer accept petitions under the Accelerated Examination program for utility patent applications. The Accelerated Examination program will remain in effect for design applications, which do not currently have an alternative expedited examination program. Discontinuing Accelerated Examination for utility applications frees up examining resources to be devoted to older, unexamined utility applications, thereby supporting our broader efforts to reduce pendency... [Read more](#)

04. Amendments to the PCT Regulations – Entry into Force on 1 July 2025

**PCT ASSEMBLY ADOPTS
KEY RULE CHANGES ON
FILING AND LANGUAGE
REQUIREMENTS**

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*It is recalled that the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) that was held from 9 to 17 July 2024 adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 July 2025. These amendments are as follows:
Amendments to PCT Rule 89bis.1 to allow receiving Offices to no longer accept paper filings with the option to allow paper submissions in exceptional circumstances for the purposes of obtaining a filing date/meeting a time limit but requiring an electronic re-submission... [Read more](#)*

05. Egypt: Increase in Patent Examination Official Fees

**EGYPT DOUBLES
PATENT EXAMINATION
FEES EFFECTIVE JUNE
18, 2025**

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CAIRO – The Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority (EGIPA) has issued an official Decision No. 26 of 2025 announcing an increase in the examination fees for patent applications. These fees have been doubled from EGP 25,000 to EGP 50,000, representing a significant adjustment in the patent application process fee structure. This decision was published in the official gazette on June 17, 2025 and came into effect on June 18, 2025... [Read more](#)

06. Bahrain: Adopts the 12th Edition of the Nice Classification

**BAHRAIN ADOPTS
12TH EDITION OF NICE
CLASSIFICATION FOR
TRADEMARKS**

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MANAMA – In a significant development for intellectual property rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce officially announced on 29 April 2025 that the Bahrain Industrial Property Office (IPO) had adopted the 12th Edition of the NICE Classification. The implementation took effect as from 9 April 2024, with the announcement formally issued in late April 2025.

With this adoption, all new trademark applications filed in Bahrain will now be examined in accordance with the updated classification structure. This move aligns Bahrain's trademark practice... [Read more](#)

07. Hague System – Reduction in the Individual Designation Fees for the Republic of Korea

**HAGUE SYSTEM: KOREA
REDUCES DESIGNATION
FEES EFFECTIVE AUGUST
1, 2025**

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

The new amounts will be as follows:

International application (for each design): 143 Swiss francs

First renewal (for each design): 230 Swiss francs

Second renewal (for each design): 544 Swiss francs

Third renewal (for each design): 628 Swiss francs ... [Read more](#)