

Community Patent Review Now YOU'RE the Examiner!



The Korean Intellectual Property Office announced a plan to implement the Community Patent Review (CPR) for 2012. The CPR, starting in 2010, is in accordance with Article 58(2) of the Patent Act and is a system intended to boost accuracy of a patent examination by consulting opinions of a group of outside specialists (professors, researchers, etc.) on the patent application at issue at the time of examination.

For the CPR, a patent application that pertains to the fields of machinery, chemistry, electricity, or communications and is released to the public is selected based on the rapid pace of technology advancement and high citation rates of non-patent references. The CPR period for 2012 is from February to December and a total of 200 cases (50 cases per quarter) are subject to the CPR. To participate, visit the homepage <http://www.k-cpr.or.kr> and register as a reviewer simply through real name authentication and administrator's approval.

A registrable reviewer should have expertise in the relevant technical field, work as a technical expert at a university, research institute, company, government office, or patent attorney's office. Then, the qualified person can work as a reviewer after completing a simple registration process.

The reviewer can express their opinion about each claim of a patent application, classified by fields, posted on the "Bulletin Board on Community Patent Review" or attach a reference to prior art to the Board, and build a network or exchange technical information with professionals in the same field.

Trademark: Additional Official Fees

On January 4, 2012 the Korean Intellectual Property Office determined to levy an additional official fee of 2000 KRW (approximately 1.50 USD) per each additional designated good, once the number of designated goods exceeds the basic number of 20 goods when an applicant files a trademark application, registers a new application or renews a trademark registration.



This is meant to discourage applicants from freely designating too many goods, a practice that delays the examination process and limits other applicants from designating goods that they genuinely use or intend to use under their trademark rights. The increased fees will be charged beginning April 1, 2012.

DID YOU KNOW?



The 2012 Nuclear Security Summit will be held in Seoul in March 2012. More than 53 heads of state and international organizations will be represented. Topics that will be discussed are:

- Cooperative measures to combat the threat of nuclear terrorism
- Protection of nuclear materials and related facilities
- Prevention of illicit trafficking of nuclear materials

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**Policies effective
March 15, 2012**

In line with the Free Trade Agreement between S. Korea and the United States, the Korean Intellectual Property Rights were expanded and new polices have been introduced and are effective beginning March 15, 2012.

- Extension of Term of a Patent Right in case of a "Delay in Registration"
- Extension of Grace Period from 6 months to 12
- Policy of Cancelling a Patent Right for not being worked - Abolished
- Sound and Scent Trademark Protection
- Certification Mark Protection
- Stipulation on Registration of Exclusive License - Abolished in TM
- Statutory Compensation for Damage
- Enforced Confidentiality Order
- Affairs Act Patent-product approval linkage (Pharmaceutical Patents)

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10:00 - 17:00

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