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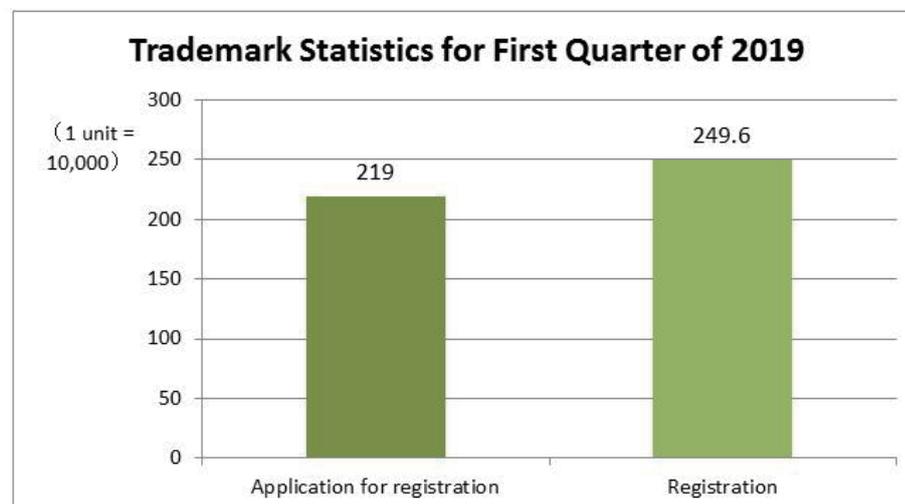
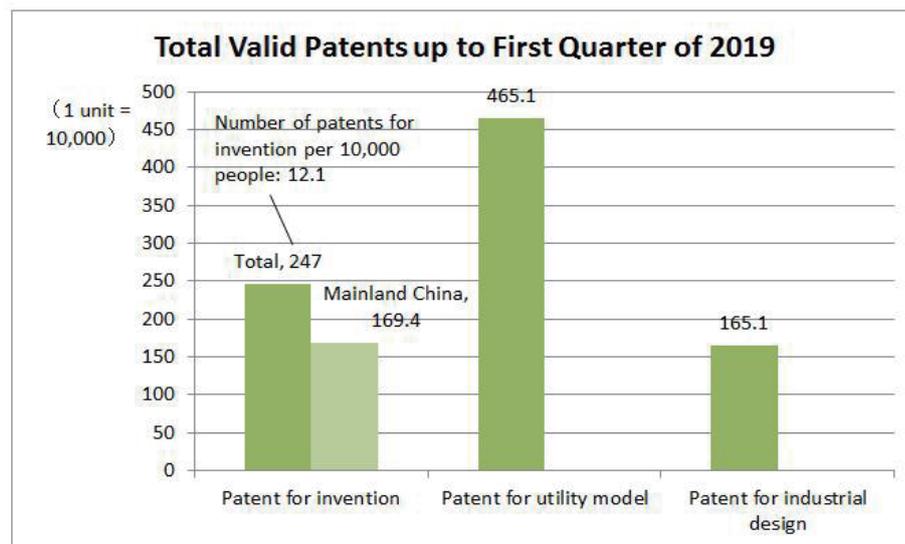
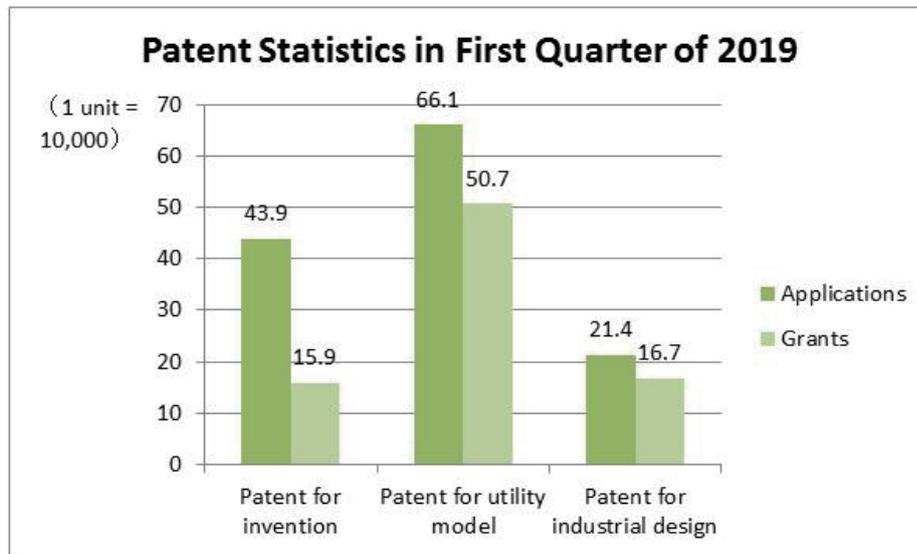


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Main Intellectual Property Statistical Data in First Quarter of 2019

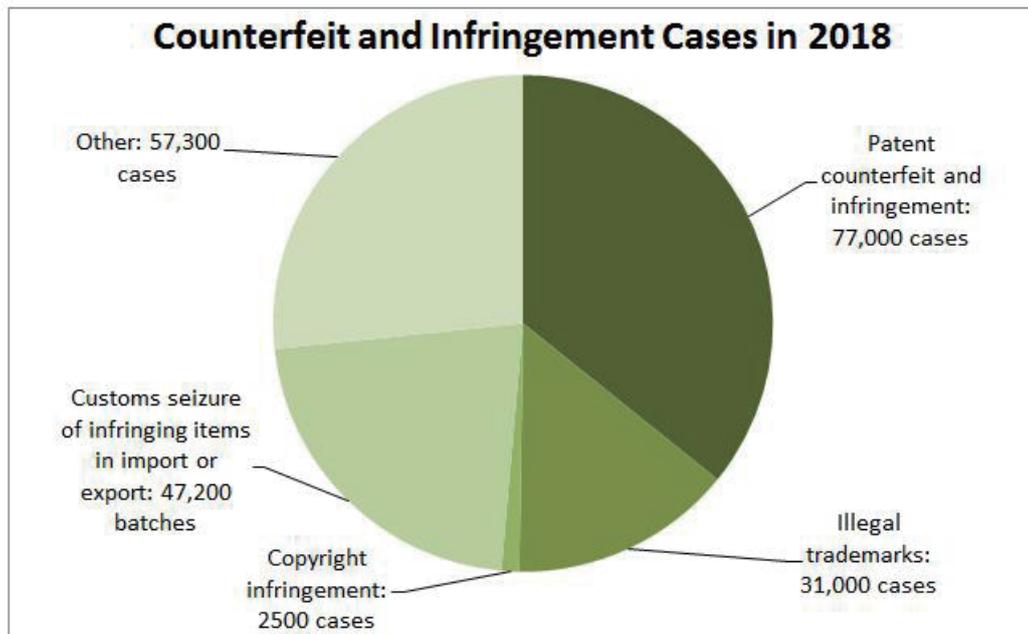


(Source: National Intellectual Property Administration)

Intellectual Property

215,000 Counterfeit and Infringement Cases Investigated and Penalized in 2018

In 2018, national administrative and law enforcement authorities investigated and penalized 215,000 counterfeit and infringement cases, continually strengthening supervision over counterfeit or infringement cases in areas with high incidence of infringement, including the Internet, rural areas, and the urban-rural fringe markets.



In addition, judicial protection were strengthened: the police investigated and solved nearly 19,000 counterfeit & infringement cases; prosecutorial authorities ratified the arrest of 5,627 individuals involved in 3,306 intellectual property infringement cases; courts concluded nearly 320,000 cases involving various types of intellectual property rights, reaching an increase rate of 41.6% with respect to the previous year. Counterfeit and infringement products were destroyed in accordance with the law; a total of about 3,500 tons of counterfeit and infringement products were harmlessly destroyed nationwide.

Regarding the optimization of China's business environment, the Customs, the Border Protection and the Maritime Affairs conducted a joint inspection, reducing the total time needed for imports and exports to pass through customs by 56.4% and 61.2% respectively with respect to the previous year; the time needed for the establishment of businesses was greatly reduced, from the previous average of 20 days to below 8.5 days; the "separation of license and certificate" reform was advanced throughout the country, solving the problem of "entry permission with no license to operate", and pushing forward the supervision model known as "random selection of inspection targets and random appointment of inspectors, and published inspection conditions and results". According to the 2019 Business Environment Report released by the World Bank, in 2018 China's improvement in business environment ranked the 3rd in the world, and the 1st within East Asia and the Pacific Region.

(Source: China Intellectual Property Right Net)

Patents

Adjustments to Patent Fee Reduction Requirements Take Effect on July 1st

Recently, the Ministry of Finance (the “MOF”) and the National Development and Reform Commission (the “NDRC”) issued the Circular on Policies related to Reduction in Certain Administrative Fees (the “Circular”), stating that the fee reduction will be implemented as of July 1st, 2019.

Major adjustments to the requirements for patent fee reduction under the Circular include:

As shown in the revision to Article 3 of the Circular of the MOF and the NDRC on the issuance of the “Procedures for Patent Fee Reduction”, in terms of individuals, the maximum previous-year average monthly income requirements for patent applicants or patentees eligible to apply for patent fee reduction were revised from 3,500 RMB (42,000 RMB yearly) to 5,000 RMB (60,000 RMB yearly). In terms of enterprises, the maximum previous-year taxable income requirements were revised from 300,000 RMB to 1 million RMB.

(Source: China Intellectual Property Right Net)

Trademarks

Analysis of Trademark Work in the First Quarter of 2019

