



CENTRIK'S NEWSLETTER

10TH CHINA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (CIPAC)

Launched in 2010, China Intellectual Property Annual Conference (CIPAC) is committed to building up a platform of international cooperation and communication for patent professionals. The conference adheres to the principle, "Bring Together for Better", gathering delegates from IP offices, in-house counsels, IP attorneys, patent experts, as well as patent information service providers.



In 2019, the 10th CIPAC was held in Hangzhou International Expo Center from 2nd to 3rd September 2019, was the first grand gathering conference of IP Industry: covering All-inclusive Topic, Patent, Trademark, Industrial Design & Geographic

Indications with over 10 000 attendees.

The conference offered an unparalleled opportunity to discuss key IP topics with IP influencers and learn IP policies.

Our partner Ms. Swatika Taneja attended the conference from 2nd to 3rd September 2019.

During her China visit she also visited our colleagues in Beijing and Shanghai.



DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF GOODS (REGISTRATION & PROTECTION) RULES, 2002

The government of India has put forward few amendments to rules of Geographical Indication (GIs), which is regarding the rights of authorized users under the law.

The application for the authorized user of GI became easier.

The main change which has been put forward is Rule 56, which deals with authorized users. The latest draft suggested that the application can be made alone for an authorized user without the consent of the registered proprietor. The only requirement is that the authorized user must share a copy of the application with the registered proprietor and inform that the registrar of the copy has been duly served.

Also, the official fee for these applications has been waived off.

The other key change is that in sub-rule (1) of Rule 59 of the principal rules, the following sub-rule shall be substituted : (1) Where no notice of opposition is filed to an application advertised or re-advertised in the Journal within the period specified under sub-clause (e) of sub-section (3) of Section 17 or where an opposition is filed and it is dismissed, the Registrar shall enter the authorized user in Part B of the register and shall issue a registration certificate with the seal of Geographical Indication Registry. 5. Clauses (f) and (g) of sub rule (2) of rule 59 of the principal rules shall be deleted. 6. In sub-rule (3) of Rule 59 of the principal rules, the following shall be deleted: "An unmounted representation of the geographical indication exactly as shown in the form of application for registration thereof at the time of registration shall accompany such request."

GI Logo and Tagline

The DPIIT (Department for Promotions of Industry and Internal Trade) on 24th June 2019 also introduced a logo and tagline that can be used by Indian GI products to indicate that they are protected under the law. The objective of the new logo and tag is to "help create awareness amongst both the GI producers as well as consumers, so as to increase the marketability and saleability of these products".

AIPPI WORLD CONGRESS 2019

The International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property, known as AIPPI (Association Internationale pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle), is the world's leading International Organization dedicated to the development and improvement of laws for the protection of intellectual property. It is a politically neutral, non-profit organization, based in Switzerland with over 9000 Members representing more than 125 countries.



With the present quickly developing advances and sensational changes in social and economic Improvement comprehensively, AIPPI's job in the development and advancement of IP security is increasingly significant.

The AIPPI World Congress was held in London from 15th – 18th September 2019. Our partner Ms. Swatika Taneja attended the conference.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATION TO OUR THAI COLLEAGUES FOR JOINING THE MADRID AGREEMENT

Our partner Mr. Abhishek Jain visited Bangkok from 15th-16th September 2019. During his Bangkok visit, he visited our colleagues and friends to strengthen our business relationship.

We congratulate our Thai IP colleagues for joining the Madrid Agreement.

The Madrid System makes it possible for you to apply for trademark protection in up to 115 territories by filing a single international application with the national or regional IP office of a Madrid System member.

With the Madrid System, the process of multinational trademark registration is streamlined through a single application and management process. Today, the Madrid Registry is focused on delivering a



streamlined, customer-driven experience for users throughout the lifecycle of their mark with its evolving suite of e-services and online resources.

PATENT AMENDMENTS, 2019

Ministry of commerce proposes to diminish Patent fees for MSME.

Piyush Goyal, the Minister for Commerce and Industry made a proposition a week ago to diminish the patent and design fees for MSME's. As indicated by the discharge from the Press Information Bureau, the Government expects to slash down expenses for MSME's up to 60%. Under the proposition, MSME's will be required to pay same fee as it being charged to new companies and Individual applicants.

Patent Rules Amended - Expedited Examination alternative now accessible to female applicants, Government institutes and others.

the Central government originally notified the draft Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2018 on the 4th December 2018, the Patents (Amendment) Rules, 2019 have now happened through a warning by the Central Government on the 18th September 2019 in its official gazette. In accordance with the draft rules, the new rules presently entitle the accompanying classes of patent applicants to look for expedited examination of their patent applications for small entities / MSME's, Female applicants, Departments of the Government and Institutions owned or controlled by the Government and Institutions wholly or substantially financed by the Government, and lastly for applicants of those countries whose patent offices are in an agreement / arrangement with the Indian patent office.