



China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

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China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), formerly State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO), is responsible for the organization and coordination of intellectual property rights (IPR) protection work nationwide, and is under the supervision of the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR). Responsibilities include drafting and policing rules, regulations, and policies related to IPR; establishing coordinated enforcement mechanisms; overseeing the registration and administration of patents, trademarks, and country of origin geographical indications; and guiding law enforcement work regarding trademarks and patents.

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Department Responsibilities

<p>General Office (办公室) Manages administrative, government, financial affairs, security, information disclosure, secret protection, and information technology; researches policies; and organizes intellectual property publicity campaigns.</p>	<p>Department of Legal Affairs (条法司) Coordinates plans related to the drafting and modification of international IP treaties and foreign IP negotiations; drafts IP law and regulations; provides legal reviews of regulations; manages administrative reconsideration and responses to administrative litigation; drafts examination policies and authorization standards for trademarks, patents, geographical indications, and integrated circuit layout design; and oversees application, acceptance, and authorization process.</p>	<p>Department of Strategic Planning (战略规划司) Develops policies and measures for the National IP Strategy; organizes work on IP risk forecasts and the early warning system; formulates national IP development plans and plans for the examination, registration, and application of trademarks, patents, and geographical indications; conducts finance management and oversees finance, assets, and infrastructure plans of directly subordinate units; and publishes IP statistical survey analysis.</p>
<p>Department of Intellectual Property Protection (知识产权保护司) Oversees the IP protection system; formulates standards for judging trademark and patent infringement, inspection, and identification criteria; undertakes administrative rulings on trademark review, patent reexamination, and invalidation; protects official symbols, integrated circuit layout designs, and logos of international organizations; and guides local-level IP protection work.</p>	<p>Department of Intellectual Property Utilization and Promotion (知识产权运用促进司) Drafts and implements policies to enhance the creation and application of IPR; provides guidance on the appraisal of intangible assets; manages patent compulsory licensing, trade patent pledge registration, and the registration of transfer permission; and develops policies on IP transactions and IP intermediary service providers.</p>	<p>Department of Public Services (公共服务司) Oversees development of the National Intellectual Property Information Public Service System and Informatization; develops IP information processing standards; manages the communication of IPR information; and discloses information on administrative procedures for IP affairs.</p>
<p>Department of International Cooperation (Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs) (国际合作司, 港澳台办公室) Coordinates foreign affairs related to IP; researches international development trends in IP; drafts IP policies related to foreign parties; leads international negotiations and liaison, cooperation, and exchange; and handles IP affairs related to Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan.</p>	<p>Department of Human Resources (人事司) Overseas staffing, talent management, and retiree affairs.</p>	<p>CCP Committee (机关党委) Manages CCP relations of CNIPA and its directly affiliated units in Beijing.</p>



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