

## Period of Examination and Appeal / Trial Examination

### Examination (first action period)

	1999	2000	2001
Patents and Utility Models	19 months	21 months	22 months
Designs	13 months	9 months	9 months
Trademarks	10 months	11 months	11 months

Note: The period of first action refers to the period from the date of application or request for examination to the date when the first notice of an examination result (mainly a decision to grant a patent, a decision of registration, or a notification of reason for refusal) is sent by the examiner to the applicant

### Appeals and trials

#### Against examiner's decision of refusal (first action periods)

	1999	2000	2001
Patents and Utility Models	19 months	19 months	18 months
Designs	32 months	27 months	17 months
Trademarks	24 months	19 months	20 months

Note: The period of first action refers to the period from the date of appeal to the date when the first notice of an appeal/trial examination result (mainly an appeal/trial decision or notice of rejection) is sent by the appeal examiner to the applicant

#### Objections (appeal/trial examination period)

	1999	2000	2001
Patents and Utility Models	11 months	11 months	12 months
Trademarks	8 months	7 months	9 months

#### Inter-partes trials (appeal/trial examination period)

	1999	2000	2001
Patents and Utility Models	12 months	12 months	12 months
Designs	10 months	11 months	11 months
Trademarks	12 months	13 months	12 months